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CHARLES I, KING CHARLES II,
AND OTHERS.

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I take the liberty of offering for your acceptance, some Letters addressed by different Sovereigns to several Members of the Argyll Family, from the year 1560, to the year 1652.

These Letters have never (so far as I know) been printed, and I am indebted to the kindness of my friend, Mr. ALEXANDER MACDONALD, who collected them from the repositories of the Register Office, and, at my request, has had them lithographed and printed for the use of the MAITLAND CLUB.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

ARGYLL.

EDINBURGH, *January* 20, 1840.

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THE ARGYLL LETTERS.

1. OBLIGATION BY COLIN THIRD EARL OF ARGYLL TO HUGH FIRST EARL OF EGLINTON.—25 MAJ, 1520.

Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres me Colyng Erle of Argyile. That forfaymekle as ane noble and mychty lord Hew Erle of Eglentoune hes lent me in my neecessite the fowme of forty pwndis gud and vsual money of Scotland, To be bwnd and oblist and be the faitht and treuth in my body leilie and treulie byndis and obliffis me my aieris executouris and assignais that I fall refwnd and pay to the said Hew Erle of Eglentoune his aieris executouris and assignais the said fowme of fourtie pwndis gud and vsual money of Scotland foirfaid betuix and the fest of the nativite of our Lady nextocum callit the fair of Steruclyng but fraud or gyil. In vitnes of the quhilk thying to this my obligatioun subserivit with my hand I have affixit my seile at Glasgw the twenty fyif day of the moneth of Majj the yeir of God ane thoufand fyife hundreth and twenty yeiris.

2. DISCHARGE OF CASUALTIES BY JAMES EARL OF ARRAN, REGENT,
TO ARCHIBALD FOURTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—JUL. 5, 1553.

Gubernator.

We for pleuris done to us be our cofing Archibald erll of Argyll lord Campbell and Lorne promittis of the fyrst casualitis that happinnis to fall heirof hym to caufe affygne to hym the fowme of sex hundredreith merkis monye of this Realine and difcharge the famyn to hym be thir prefentis Subferivit with our hand At Falkland The fywe day of Julij The 3er of God 4^m V^c and fyty thre 3eris.



3. ARCHIBALD FOURTH EARL OF ARGYLL TO MARY QUEEN DOWAGER
OF SCOTLAND.—AUG. 12, 1554.

Madame eftir maift hwmill commendatioun of my ferwice I refaiffit 3our graces writing togiddir wyth articlis be the quhilk I vnderftand 3our graces mynd and guid counfell fehewin vnto me for furth fetting of this Interprice and chaarge committit be 3our grace vnto me for fupprelling of the Rebellis of the Ilis: Off the quhilk counfell I thank 3our grace gretumlie and fall God willing employ my felft at my power for performyng of the famyn And to that effect I am departit of Dunstaffage this founday the xij day of Auguft wyth my army forthwarth to Mvll quhair James M^cConill and M^cClane wyth ther hail folkis ar convenit and remanis vponne my cuming And

quhen we ar all convenit, thane fall tak purposē to pass forthwartth
 vpon the saidis Rebellis and in all our progressis your grace salbe
 aduerteist efterwartt: And becaus it war our prolixit to writ unto
 your grace all novellis and purposis concernyng this wiage I haif ex-
 ponit the sammyu at lenth to this berar my ferwitour to quhome it
 will plese your grace to gif credens. And forther committis your
 grace vnto the preferwatioun of the haly gaist. Off Dunstaffage
 the xij day of August 1554.

Be your grace hwnille and obedient ferwitour at power,



Madame, James M'Conill is cumin to me and
 gevis me werray guid wordis and fais that he fall
 do trew ferwiec vnto your grace and to me at
 this tyme, and hes defyrit me to be eafy and guid
 to hym towartt the deliuering of his plege at
 this tyme he makand faithfull ferwiec to your
 grace, And vpoun that conditionn I haif promeit
 to sollist your grace to be gracioufe and fauorable
 to hym. I propofe to put hym to the preiff that his
 ferwiec salbeknawin alwais. The capitane of Dun-
 bar wyth his hagbutteris come to me to Dunstaffage
 this fetterday the xj day of August and departis wyth
 me and fall do my devoir for his Interteinyng.

TO THE QUENIS GRACE.

4. QUEEN ELIZABETH TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

AUG. 4, 1560.

ELIZABETH R.

BY THE QUEENE.

Right trusty and right welbelouid Cousin We greete you
. . . we haue seene your lettres to our Secretary Sr Wyl
. . . . knight with declaration of the contynuanee of your
. . . . to the furderance of the weale of bothe the realmes [of
England] and Scotlande, which appeerith not onely by the said
. . . . but also by the sending of suche lettres and messages
. hathe lately sent to you by a speciall messenger. . . .
. . . . your zeale and constaneye towards the maintenance
. accorde of our Realme and that, and shall not forget
the good will it seemithe ye beare towards vs.
trusting ye w contynue therein, and for answere to Onelye.
We haue our faide Secretary to write to you our
opinion, *and so your to God. Given vnder our signett at
our Castiell of the 4 of August the second yere of our
reign 1560.*

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND RIGHT
WELBELOUED COUSIN THE ERLE OF
ARGYLE.

Crafft rursing in great z on words. We assent z on the g^l we
 sume considerat, Couart, z on Lord boydis pardonn the stay of the
 expedition of it prouidit oult L^o tano the participatiom of the said
 conspiracy and attempt dont in v^o p^o xv^o, not thew in speciall exp^l
 g^l z on the said we alwaies myndit to except in getting of v^o commissi^o
 And so the effect of the d^omentary had w^o z on at v^o g^l m^o
 quise we intend god willing further to keep without any alteration
 quise of z on the said Statute pershade some peple. And therefore for z on
 tansz and for the quiet ex^onom we give of z on faultfull part
 about v^o (quise we will not doubt) the said Lord boydis
 commissi^o s^ome passinge and be in further staye the participat
 hom of the said attempt (as the said) exp^l. And likewise
 as for the Land of yermut he shall sit at libertie under some
 for his good tence & returne as the forme is the said someth^o z on
 canals may be callid into and not of the gr^oaste of some
 nobilitie g^l as we someth^o taken someth^o in the said
 g^l orde for d^oss^o p^osidivutiom^o putty not some exp^l And
 doubt not but z on face w^oll allow the same as v^o m^o
 g^l we simple w^oll be p^ortat And likewise the
 occasi^o w^oll offer the said we will not omit to saye the same
 quise g^l m^o is to be let in in b^ord^o & abide w^oll
 z on in z on company g^l we be further w^oll for z on
 r^oll as z on will t^omsz on. In z on m^ontyme we p^o
 z on w^oll familiarly w^oll in the best maner z on
 g^l we the w^oll putty the said b^ord^o z on And therefore
 z on will m^oll saye understand o^o mynd in that o^o all
 other bes^offis we will putty b^ord^o in na gutar t^o
 Ben for by me doubt not z on will p^osume to mean^o y^o g^l
 is and shall shew acc^ord^o about z on further lobmy & p^ortat
 -to the office of v^o p^onding^o s^o Dec^ore god willing to
 quise p^ortat^o we will z on at D^omburg the said
 D^oss^o m^oss^o 1400

what ever his saye v^oss^o off my gud mynd
 and that ye sal pers^one command my toorn
 v^oss^o
 I commend s^oss^o
 MARIE

5. MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.

—MAR. 31, 1566.

Traift coufing We greit 3ou weil. We reffaut 3our letter quhilk we haue confiderit, touart the Lord Boydis pardoun: The ftay of the expeditioun of it procedit onlie becaus the participatioun of the lait confpiracy and attemptat done in our prefens wes not thairin fpecialie exceptit, quhilk 3e knaw We alwayes myndit to except in geving of our remiffionis, And fa wes the effect of the commonyng had with 3ou at our commandiment, quhilk we intend Godwilling finceirly to keip without ony alteratioun quhairof 3e fall certainlie perfuade 3our felfe. And thairfoir, for 3our caufe, and for the gude opinioun we haue of 3our faithfull part towart ws, (quhairin we will not doubt,) the faid Lord Boydis remiffioun falhaue paffaige and be na further ftayit, the partiepatioun of the laitt attemptat (as We haue faid) exceptit. And likuis as for the Lard of Gormok he falbe fett at libertie vnder fouirtie for his gude reull and reentre as the forme is; bot the fourteis 3e knaw mon be Lawland men and not of the gretaft of oure nobilite, quhilkis ar not commonlie taken fouirties in fie caiffis. Quhilk ordour for diuerfe confiderationis prefently We haue obferuit, And doubtis not bot 3e fall wele allow the fame at our meting, quhilk we ernestlie wyfhe mycht be fchortlie. And howfone the oecafion will offer the felf we will not omit to haift the fame. Quhen Gormok is releuit lat him eum to Ergile and abyde with 3ow in 3our cumpany quhill we be further avisit, for reffonable cauffis as 3e will likuife knaw. In this meyntyme We pray 3ou interteny familiaritie with Oneill in the beft maner 3e can, quherof we thoecht mete pre-

fently thus far to aduertise you. And heirefter ye will mair largelic vnderstand our mynd in that and all vther behalffis. We neid presentlie to wrait at na gretar lenth, sen heirby we doubt not ye will perlaue our meanyns quhilk is and fall continew alwayes towartis you sincere loving and vpricht, as the yssue of our proceedingis fall declair, God willing, to quhais protection We commit you. At Edinburg the last day of Merche 1566.

Wat ever his sayed bi für off my gud mynd, and that ye sul perswaine, command me to our bruder.

Your richt gud syster.

MARIE R.

TO OUR TRAIST COUSING THE ERL OF ARGYLE.

6. MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLE.
—JUL. 7, 1568.

Derrest Cousing, We haif writtin to you laitylly Anent our proceedingis, ever thanking you of your greit constancy towartis us; And now being thankis to God in gud helth. We thoecht neccessare to aduerteis you of the samyn, as we beleif ye ar desyrous to heir thair of. My lord Flemyng arreit heir from Londoun the v. of this Instant, And is past in Scotland Quha will schaw you all our affaires mair amply and at mair lenth nor we think expedient to wryt at this tyme. To quhome ye fall gif credeit. My lord Hereis hes writtin to us. That our syster the Quene hes declarit to him Scho hes writtin to my lord of Murraye exprefly That heic vie na forder extremitie aganis

Dearest Cousin We have writtun to you lately about the proceedings
concerning you of the great constancy follow'd us: And our
being bound to you in god yett, We thought necessary to advertise you of
the summe as we believe you are desirous to have desired. My lord Fleming
arriv'd here from London the 5. of this Instant And he past in this
kind thus you shall see all so assured more amply and at more length
nor we thought expedient to write at this tyme To knowe you full of
credit. My lord hereof had writtun to us that he after the queen
had declar'd to him of his god writtun to my lord of marriage Expressly
that he was no farther extremite against you so far as word and beel
substant. Since writtun you to the protection of god Almighty Off
Caroline, the 5. of July 1568

Conrad Sister
M. W. R.

Dearest Cousin
The end of August

ȝow our faouraris and trew ſubicctis. Swa committis ȝow to the proteccioun of God Almychtie. Off Carleill the vij of Julij 1568.

Ȝour gudſijler,

MARIE R.

TO OURE DERREST COUSING
THE ERLE OF ARGYLE.

7. JOHN LORD HERYS TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—
AUG. 19, 1568.

My Lord, the xvij day of this monethe betuix xj and twelf houris at evin, I reſſauit thir writtings of the Quenis Majeſties, quhilk will pleiſ ȝour Lordſchip to reſſaue, and directit thame fra me at fyve houris in the mornyng. At that ſame tyme I reſſauit ȝour Lordſchipis awin writtingis requyring me to cum to Glaſgo, declairing that my balling, as ȝe call it, is the caus of the ſtay of this haile armie. In my former writtingis I ſchew ȝour Lordſchipe I culd nocht cum throw thay cuntreis to Glaſgo without ſum gret and fecfull purpois, for that the gait was bayth far to my folkis, and to ſum of thame thre ſcoir myle be land and mair, and the maift part throw thair ennemeis. I ſchew I wald haue bene vpon the head of Douglas watter on the xvj day at nycht. And ſo detterminatlic intending for till haue bene, vpon the xv day I reſſauit my Soueranis letteris as ȝour Lordſchip and utheris my Lordis has done, commandand me nocht till inuaid nane of hir aduerſar partie; Obeyand the ſame I ſtayit my purpois and maid na uther balling in this matter. Uther ſtay to ȝour armie I maid nane, bot fend

the Quenis writtingis to ȝow as thay war fend me. My lord I may nocht fa cum to Glasgo without I bring gret nowmer of folkis as the tyme standis now: and to bring thame, as I haue said, without ane determinatioun to follow sum gret purpos I find it nocht wisdome to doe. Your Lordschip therfoir will appardone me. Gyf your Lordschip with the remanent of my Lordis with ȝow will surelie adwyf quhat is best to be done in this wechtie caus, And according to the Quenis Majestie's commandement, I fall tak my part of it at my power as ony uther man in Scotland of my degre, and nother ball nor hinder your gud determinatioun with the grace of almychtig God, quha haue your Lordschip in his blissit keiping. Off Drumfres the xix of August 1568.

ȝour Lordschip to command
with seruice att my power



Post script.

I haue fend ȝour Lordschip the copie of this last letter fend me be the Quenis Majestie, quhilk it will pleis ȝow, quhen ȝe haue red it, to laitt my Lord of Sanctandros or sum uther Lordis se it, to ryve it: and caus deliuer thar awne letteris to thame selfis as thay ar directit.

TO THE RYCHT HONORABLE THE ERLE OF ERGYLE
LIEUTENNENT TO THE QUENIS MAJESTIE ON THE
SOWTHSYD OF FORTHE.

8. MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.
—AUG. 27, 1568.

Traist coufing and counfalour, We greit ȝow veill. We haif vnderftand that my Lord of Huntly hes gottin fūm defait, of the quhilk we ar in greit pane till we heir the veritie therof; and, hailig gottin mony fair and greit promefes of this realme, thinkis the fame nocht to tak greit effect. We haif reflawit twa vrytingis fra our fifter the Quene be our fervand James Borthik, writtin with hir awin hand, and caufit tranflait thame in Scottis: of the quhilkis we haif fend copeis to my Lord Hereis and the Bifehop of St. Androis, quha will mak ȝow participant therof, quhairin it maye be confiderit quhat effect maye be found to our profit; for We latt ȝow knaw the affeurance as we haif it. And feing ſcho hes vrittin to ws of ſie newis as we thoecht maift neidfull to aduerteis ȝow, vald nocht fail to do the fame; principally ſchawing amangis vthir heidis, that thair is ane eumpanye of Frenſche men outhir on the ſe to pas in Scotland, or ellis alreddy arrevit thairin, at the quhilk ſcho is evill content. Always gif ſa be that they eum or ar arrevit, ȝe knaw ȝour force and habilite, quhilk our faythfull ſubie&is may vſe. It hes bein fallſly reportit to hir, that our men hes invaidit and maid flauchter with greit diftruetion of houffis on hir bordouris. As it is ſchawin ws, the princepale of thay Invaidaris wes the ȝoung Lard of Sefwood; Nochtwithftanding ſcho layis the haill burdein on ws and our party allanerly. Als ſcho vrytis, thair is fūm Commiffionaris to cum heir, quherof the Deuk of Northfolk is ane. Referring vthir thingis to my Lord Hereis

quha will schaw zow mair at lenth be Borthikis informatioun, and the rest to this beirar. Swa committis zow to God. Off Bowtoun the xxvij of August 1568.

Wi fend zow a hors fer and gud lyk, huilk ze schal refceue. Any Y had beter ze schould nocht want. This beirar lent mi his for zow afor. bicaus this was nocht redi.

Zour richt gud sifter and cusines,

MARIE R.

TO OURE TRAIT COUSINGE AND
CONSALOUR THE ERLE OF ARGYLE.

9. MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.
—AUG. 31, 1568.

Trait coufinge and counsalour, We greit zow veill. Having reslauit zoure vrytingis heir zisterdaye be Johne Levingstoun, vnderstanding thairby and by his report zoure greit fervency gud will and fordwartnes ze haif schawin in this zour last assembley, Thankis zow maift hertly thairof. Zour disasembling and staving of forder proceeding thairin we cawlit to be for ane gud Intent, considering our sifteris vryting quhilk we fend zow, the copy thairof wes be the same in hir gud promeses constrynit to stave zow. Quhairof my lord Hereis hes aduertefit ws, ze and the rest of oure Nobilite wytis him, and is verray commowit thairat, Praying zow, nocht charge him thairwith; for he did na thing by oure exprefs commandiment, being far mair wtit

Christ suffering and compassions. We great zeall. We haue
vnderstand that my lord of Smyth his gotten sum deserts, of
the qth we be in great paine till we see the desire of
And haueing gotten money faire and good promises of his
reulour Julius for same not to take great effect. We haue
sufficent thea doctingis for v^r sister the Queene as v^r s^{er}uand
James Southie writtin wth his alderiound and counsell haue
s^{er}uand in stottis of the gl^{or} we haue sende to my lord
Hercules and the bishop of s^t andrews quere will make zeall
participante of Consuim it maye be considered y^t effect
maye be found to v^r profit, for the last zeall the assuurance
as we haue it. And some thes his writtin to us of sicillie
LD.

Truste conſeige and conſule? we greet you well Having
reſſant your beſtingis ⁱⁿ diſturbance to your livingſtem? Under
ſtanding & ſurety and be ſo report your greet ſervancy
and will and goodcountnes & good ſtation in this 2^d Caſt
aſſembly This be 2000 maſt hartly thanke, 3^d & 4th ſeſſion
being and ſtaying of your proceeding therein we cauſet to be
for our good intent conſidering & ſiſteris beſting y^elt we
ſhall 2000 the copy hereof be the ſame in your good conſe-
ſtment & ſave you. In ſhew of my love ſhall you admitt
all, & we will ſo ſoft of your nobilitie certie ſin the 10th becom-
gmore thanke, praying you not to have ſin therein for
ſin our ne thing by our expreſſ remandment, being ſure man
ſhall be the other party of this country that we will
the ſame reaſon of Uncommenſur on v^r booke & our officers

be the vthir party of this cuntrey, that he wes the haill occasionne of Innormeteis on our bordouris and vthiris tumultis within oure cuntrey. We doubt nocht bot ge haif alreddy fene be the copley of our sifter the Quenis laft vrytingis, quhilk we fend to gow be the Lard of Skeldoune, of the aduertifment seho makis to ws of the Frensehe menis cuming in our realme, quhilk we hoip to be haiftely. Referring all vthir thingis to your wisdome committis gow to God. Off Bowtoun, the laft of August 1568.

Your richt gud sifter and asured frind

MARIE R.

Ye schal se farther by the instructions, bot asur your self that ye heuve dun your self and al our frindes ne lette honour and gud in onli schawin your forduartnes and obediens to my. Y wil nocht spel tym in Wourdes, bot Y think mi so far adet to you that Y schal think on it al my lyf.

TO OURE TRAIST COUSINGE AND LIEUTENENT

THE ERLE OF ARGYLE, &c.

10. MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.

—APR. 28, 1569.

Richt traift counsigne and counsalour, We greit gow weill. We haif vnderstand, how that part of our subiectis, throw sum evill counsale, has hapnit to cum in danger with our rebelles, quhilk We lament greitumly, and not sa mekill for ony dampnage that we maye gett thairthrow, ffor thankis to God our affaires ar presently in better

estait nor thay war fen the begynning of ony conference thairon, Bot is fory of the evill bruyt rynnys thairof. Notwithstanding we haif vnderstand of your constancy towart ws, quherof we thank you maist kertyly, and with the grace of God salbe acknawlegit of the fame, nocht doubting bot ge vill conteneu thairin to your greit honour and advantage. And we praye you that on na wayes ge cum to appoyntment nor convening with the saidis rebelles by our advyse: bot hald your self far fra thame, remaining still ferme in your constancy, quhairof now we haif the provfe: als praying you verraye effectuously, That ge vill assist menteyne and help our traift consigne the Lord Flemyng to furneis the castell of Dumbarten with all viures that may be gottin in ony maner thairto, as ge vill do ws maist acceptabill service, and as our traift is in you, and fall haif releif schortly to the contentment and honour of all thais that remanis constant and perseveiris in thair faythfulnes towartis ws, As thairin ge fall haif na caus to repent God willing, Quhome mott preserve you. Off Wyngfeylde, the xxvij of Aprile 1569.

Bruder, I am gled you heff nocht enterd so fuleschli in tak. I prey you com nocht in tel you hir from me, and heff no conferance with them, for and you know hou thei speik off the poor Duk huas it coms nocht be him: bot kip you on dishonord, for schortli I schal send you wourd huat you schal do.

Your richt good, syster and best frind foreuuer

MARIE R.

TO OUR RICHT TRAIST COUSIGNE, COUNSALOUR,
AND LIEUTENNENT, THE ERLE OF ERGYLE.

Wist youst conquire and compulsi? The grant 2000 more, The Graff vnder,
stand for fut part of o' subiects from sume due compulsi had begun
to em in danger w^t o' rebelds etc etc no lament greivous and not so
noble for mye dampnages that we maye gett thurrough, for thunders to
god o' assured at pntly in better offit nor thyng was sen the beginning
of mye conference thurou. But is sure of thy edue bent off his thurou
W^t w^tstanding well saif vnderstand of god's w^tstanding towards us y^ess
we shall 2000 maist godly and w^t the grant of god's salthe acconuallig
of the same w^t donitng bet 20 vll tenentes summe to 200 great hono^r
and advantage And we praye god that in the mynde 20 on to appoynted
nor condempn w^t the said rebelds by o' aduise bet helle zune spech
for for thame remaining full forme in god's conference y^ess in wa gulf
the p^rovise als thurou god's w^tstanding affectionly Just 20 vll
luffe monteyme and gree o' thurou conquire to lorde's p^rovise to
furnis the custode of thurou w^t full dunt that may be gotten
in any maner thurou als 20 vll do w^t maist acceptible p^rovise
and als o' thurou 20 in 2000 And full saif vnder so shortly to the
contentment and hono^r of all thais that remain constant and
perseverant in thurou faithfull towards us als thurou 20 face
gulf ma can be w^t content godwilling In y^ess more p^rovise
2000 Off w^tstanding the w^tstanding of w^tstanding is by.

11. JOHN EARL OF MAR, REGENT, TO ARCHIBALD FIFTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—SEPT. 9, 1571.

REX.

We, with aduife and consent of our richt traift coufing Johnne Erle of Mar Lord Erkin Regent to us our realme and liegis, Promittis in the word of a Prince, That, in the craving and vptaking of our malis of the fouthe Ilis and Kintyre fra Angus Maconaill of Dunnevaig and Heftour Maclane of Doward restand onpayit of all termes bipaft preceding the daitt heirof, We fall vfe the aduife of our richt traift coufinges Archibald erle of Ergile lord Campbell and Lorne, James Erle of Mortoun lord of Dalkethe chancellor of our realme, and Robert lord Boyd, in fie fort, that the payment of the fadis males restand of termes bigane fall stand till thair diferetioun. Subferiuit be our said coufing and Regent AT Striucling the nynt day of September and of our Regne the fyft geir 1571.

12. THE EARLS OF MONTROSE AND ROTHES, PATRICK LORD LINDSAY, AND ROBERT COMMENDATOR OF DUNFERMLING, TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—AUG. 21, 1576.

My Lord, efter our maift hartlie commendatioun. We haue heir be greate and eirneft laubouris movit my Lord Erl of Atholl to condifeend

and aggre vnto the conditionis accordit vpoun at our laft being in Glaſgw: Bot ane thing forther is heir concludit, conforme to my Lord Regentis will and directioun, that all captives and prifoneris on ather part fuld be fet at libertie. And vnderftanding that thair is ane Angus Makkerun Makvertenis ſone, duellar in Kynlochlevin, detenit prifoner be your L. and command in Dunftaffage, quhilk is mair nor we knew at our being in Glaſgw; Sa that, conforme to my Lordis grace will mynde and directioun befoir our progres in this mater, It is lykewis aggreit, that the ſaid Angus ſalbe fet at libertie and freedom betuix this and the ſext day of September nixtoeum, and delinerit in the handis of the Maifter of Mar, to the end that he may immediatlie efter the ſaid ſext day repair to his Maifter the Erll of Atholl or quhair he pleis. This we mon effectuallie pray your L. to do, as ge haif bene conformable in the ſaidis conditionis, for your awin quietnes and eife, and for this our ſpeciall and eirneft requeft quhairin gour L. ſall haue ws alwayis readie to acquite the ſame with ſemblable pleaſure. Sa committis your L. in the proteſtioun of the eternall. At Perth the xxj of Auguſt 1576.

Your L. richt affurit at ther pover,

ROTHES

MONTROYS.

PATRICK L. LYNSAY.

R. DUNFERMLING.

Postſcript.

Further, your L. ſall vnderftand, that we haue movit the Erll of Atholl to aggre to this, that incaſe that the noblemen and freindis can not aggre amang thame ſelffis, the ſaid erll is content that

my Lord Regentis grace, my Lord Chancellor, the Erllis of Montrois and Rothes, my Lordis Lyndefay and Boyd, and my Lord Commendatar of Dunfermling be oddifmen and owremen, That quhatfumerer thai or the maift part of thame decernis to be done, to ftand and abyde thairat, quhairin your L. may not fail to fend ws anfuer in write how your L. aggreis vnto this.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD
MY LORD THE ERLE OF ERGILE.

13. QUEEN ELIZABETH TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

MAY 28, 1578.

Righte trustie and right welbelouid Cofin, We greet you well. We have bin advertised from our fervant Robert Bowes, (prefentlie for our affaires there,) how well you are devotid to the maintenance of the Amitie betwene the King our dearest brother and vs, wherof you doe not let to make publike demonstracioun, which we accepte in so thanckfull parte, as we fynd our self bound in honor to make knowne vnto you the greate contentment we receave therbie, and how glad we would be by effectis to shewe the fame. And wheras, to our great greefe, we have latelie founde, that among perfonages of the best estate in that Realme, and best hable to serve the King our good brother, and no lesse well affected to the good Amitie betwene our two Crownes, ther hath bin caufe of difference and contencioun, which by mediaioun of certaine persons of qualitie are growing to some frendlie composition, especially betwene the Earle Morton and

you : We are therefore to praie you, forseeing the evident mischeif that is likelie to infue, by the contynewans of the difagrement betwene perfons of your qualletie, in the noneage of a young Prince, that if anie thing offensive do either remaine, or maie be revived betwene the faid Earle and you, or other of the Nobillitie, that you will vse our Mynifter ther as a Mediatour to remove all caufes of farther vnkindnes. And for confirmacioun of a perfect reconciliacioun, which we have good hope will take effect, we could withe you to be a meane to the King our good brother, for the calling of the Earle Morton about him, wherin, befidis that you fhall difcharge the office of a chriftian Nobleman, by yelding the frutes of trewe reconciliacioun, you fhall by furtherance therof to effect, greatlie advance the Kinges fervice, being a man fo fufficient for governement as he is, wherof he hathe made good tryall. Befides we are to praie you to geve credit to our fervant Bowes in fuche things as he fhall deliver to you from vs, touching fuche flanderous brutis as have latelie come to our eares, whervnto we affure you we geve no credit, having a moft constant opinion of your fincere affection towardis vs and to maintaine good Amitie betwene the King our good brother your maifter and vs. And fo, good Cofin, We praie God to have you in his blessed keeping. Geven vnder our Signet at our Mannor of Grenewiche, the xxviiith daie of Maye 1578, in the Twentethe yere of our raigne.

Your Loving Cousin,

ELIZABETH R.

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTIE AND RIGHT WELBELOUID
COSIN THE EARLE OF ARGYLE.

14. QUEEN ELIZABETH TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

FEB. 28, 1578.

Right trusty and right welbelouid Cousin. We greeete you well. We haue alwayes repofed fuch truste and confidence in your forwardnes and good inclinacioun to enterteyne the good amity betwin vs and the King your foueraigne, that we doubt not you will alwayes shew your self constant therein, by the continuing of your good officis betwin our two Crownes. And for that there is now occasion offerid, to make some particular triall therof, about the matter of th'intendid matche betwin your said foueraigne and some forrein princee, whereof we haue receauid foundry aduertimentis, We praye you to haue a care, that nothing be don therein, without our preuitye and knowledge, the same being a matter of such weight, and that towchith so neere the state of both realmes, wherbie as we shalbe encouraged to continue our accustomed care and good meaning towards that realme, so shall you be assurid for your owne particular to winne no smaale interest in our fauour; praying you to geue credit vnto our seruant Bowes in that which he shall further saie vnto you toweling this matter in our name. Geuen vnder our Signet at our Pallace of Westminster, the last of February 1578. in the xxjth yere of our raigue.

Your loving Cousin and frind.

ELIZABETH R.

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND RIGHT WELBELOUID

COSIN THEARLE OF ARGULE.

14. KING JAMES VI. TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

MAY 13, 1579.

Rycht traift Coufing and Counfalour We greit you hertly weil. Vnderftanding the kepars of the houfe of Brydik in Arrane to be willing to rander the fame, thair lyffis faul, for the cryme of the difobediencie of our charge to rander the faid houfe and caftell, We will go with thairfore in our Name to grant thame the faid condicioun, letting thame depart with ther awin propre baggaige, Saulffing the mynitioun and victuallis being within the faid houfe and caftell, quhilk ze fall cauf reffauc ypoun Inuentair, and be preferuit to our vfe, Placing our feruitour Niniane Stewart as keipar of the faid houfe and all thingis reffaut thairin, quhill the farther knowledge of our mynd and plefure. Thus We commit go to God. At our caftell of Striueling the xij of Maij 1579.

JAMES R.

TO OUR RICHT TRAIST COUSING AND
COUNSALOUR THE ERLL OF ERGILE.

15. KING JAMES VI. TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

FEB. 18, [1580?]

Richt traift coufing and counfallour, We greit go with hartlie weil. Being come at Goddis pleafour to this eftate and age, and having many

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 I have the company and compasses³ we greet you gently
 well. Understand my the Regard of the Count of Breda
 in all that he is willing to under the same that will
 please you for the crime of the diffidence of B. Gazon
 to render the said Counte & castles / we will give
 therefore in the Name to grant to come the said Counte
 Letting him depart wth all his proper baggage
 Excepting the indiction and victuals being wth him
 the said Counte & castles, gth for sale come wth him:
 by some of his friends & to assist to B. G. / & allowing
 of 1000³ Niniens. Robert ad. Regent of the said
 Counte & will give respect given gth for further
 knowledge of his mind & please to him. No.
 sent 2/10 to the said Counte & castles of promising
 the 20th of May 1579

Co. of Capt. Bayl. Company
 and compasses³ for well
 of the

James R.

great and wechty materis in hand, ſpecialie concernyng the honour and ſuretie of our perfoun and eſtate; the intertenement of peax, amitie and gude Intelligence with the Chriſtiane Princes and counounwealthis, our neareſt nychtbouris freindis and allyais, quhais ambaffadouris and miniſteris frequentlie reparis to ws; the repreſſing of the thevis and diforderit perfonis; and governyng of our gude and peaceble ſubiectis in gude tranquillitie, peax and iuſtice: It is maift requiſite that we haue the gude avyſe and concurrence of our nobilitie, and that the occaſionis of grudges diſpleaſouris and querrellis ſtanding amang thame, quhair through thair emmyng to ws and reman- yng quietly in our company is oftymes hinderit, be taken away; firſt be aſſurance, and thairefter, ſa ſone as conuenientlie it may be, be fynall and perfyte concord, quhilk is our cheifeſt care preſentlie, and hes bene of a lang tyme bypaſt: Quhairvpoun We haue takin occa- ſioun to direct to zow our ſeruitour M^r Peter Young our elemofinar to communicat to zow our mynde committit to his credite, and to deſyre zow in our name, that ze fail not to repaire heir vnto ws againe the xxij day of Februare instant. Swa remittand further to his credite, We commit zow to God. From Halyrudehouſ this xvij of Februar

JAMES R.

TO OUR RICHT TRAIſT COUSING
AND COUNſALOUR THE ERLL OF
ERGILE OUR CHANCELLAIR.

16. KING JAMES VI. TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

JUL. 2, 1582.

Richt traift coufing and counfallour, We greit ȝow hartlie weil. We haue refauit ȝour letter towardis fome particularis of ȝour awne. the fpeding quherof we haue delayit and remittit to ȝour awne prefenece. quhilk we will earniftlie requeift ȝow to let ws haue at our burgh of Perth the viij or ix day of this inftaunt. quher your remayning fall not be abone xxiiij houris, gif ȝour health or vther occupacioun may not fpair ȝow with ws any langer. The occafion that movis ws to fend for ȝow is weil wechty, importing baith our furetie and ȝour awin, as we haue willit our rycht traift coufing the erle of Arrane to notifie fum part vnto ȝow be his letter; Thairfore as ȝe tender baith the ane and vtheris we will requeift ȝow not to failȝie to meit ws the faid day and place, quher ȝe falbe acquentit mair amplie with thir materis. We man in this meane tyme remember ȝow of the deir doggis, quhilk be our vther lettir we requirit ȝow to fend ws, the tyme drawis neir quhen they fould be dire&it away; Thairfore we pray ȝow, to recouer ws famony as may be fparit within ȝour boundis, and let thame be brocht with ȝow, or dire&it with fome of ȝour awne therfter, as ȝe will do ws acceptable and gude pleafure. Thus we commit ȝow to God. From Sterling caftell this fecound day of July 1582.

JAMES R.

TO OUR RICHT TRAIST COUSING AND COUNSALLOUR
THE ERLE OF ERGYLE OUR CHANCELLAR.

17. KING JAMES VI. TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—
AUG. 30, 1582.

Rycht traift coufing and counfalour, We greit ȝow weill. We haue refoluit be auife of the Countell prefent with ws, to tak ordour for the quieting of the trublis laity fallin out, be a Conuention of a gude nowmer of our eftattis to be affemblit at Edinburgh ypoun the twentie day of September nixtoeum : quherfore we require ȝow effeetuillie, that ȝe will nocht fail to be prefent with ws at Edinburgh the faid day, in peaceable and quiet maner, accompanyit onlie with ȝour houfhald ; that be ȝour prefence and gude auife, this mater, being in the felf fa wechtie, may be ordourit and fetled to the plefou of God, our obediencie, and the commoun tranquillitie of our realme ; and that ȝe keip this diett preceitlie as ȝe will declair ȝour gude affection to our feruice and do ws acceptable plefou. Thus we comit ȝow to God. AT Perth the penult day of Auguft 1582.

JAMES R.

TO OUR RYCHT TRAIST COUSING
AND COUNSALOUR THE ERLL OF
ARGYLE OUR CHANCELLARE.

18. ESMÉ FIRST DUKE OF LENNOX * TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF
ARGYLL.—SEPT. 20, 1582.

Monfieur, Jay receu la lettre quil vous a plen meferipre, mais Je nay point veu vofre homme. Toute fois Laird Darkinlas a pris la peine de me venir viliter, par lequel avec vofre dicte lettre Jay este affeuré de vofre confiante amytie envers moy, de laquelle Je nay jamais doubté : et auffy Je vous fupplie humblemant de eroire que celle que vous ay promife vous fera gardee inuyolablement. Je mafu fois toufours bien que ne vouldries jamais aprouer la thraifon qui a este faiète au Roy, laquelle Je regrette extremement, non pour mon particulier, mes pour le hafard auquel est la Magefte, Laquelle, fy Dieu ne luy ayde, fera mife entre les mains de ceulx qui ne defire pas fa conferuation. Quant pour ma part Je fuis fur mon embarquemant pour men aler en France fuyent ce que fa Magefte a este forcee de me commander de faire. Ilz mont acufé de beaucoub de chofe par vne requette quilz prefantire a fa magefte a Scaintehanfton ; ce q'ayent entendu, Jay ofert par my Lord de Herife de comparoiftre deuent tous les eftas pour estre jugé par heulx fur tous les pointz de leurs acufations. fens demander aulcune grace ou refpiët ; ains que Jeftois content

* The Earl of Lennox was appointed " Capitane and keiper of his Majesteis Castell of Dumbartane " 29 Jul 1580—" Capitane and Commander of his hienes gaird during his Majesteis will " 5 Mar. 1581—Created Duke of Lennox 5 Aug. 1581—He died in France December 1582. His son Ludovick succeeded him, and on the 23 December 1583 is appointed " heich and grit Chalmerlane of this realme and first gentilman of his hienes chalmere joyndand baith the saidis tytillis and offices in ane"—and on 24 Nov. 1591 is made " grit Maister of his Majesteis Esquierie and haill horsis, &c. &c.

deſtre jugé a toute la rigeur que les lois deſcoſſe me pouroïſt condamner, ſelon les preuue quilz pouroïſt faire contre moy ; mais Il ne lont pas voulu, encore que par leurs requeſte Ils offroïſt de me le maintenir en ma face ſur le peril de leurs vies et bien. Et quent pour ce que legliſe ſe plaignoit de moy, eſtant a Liſlebour Jay auert aux myniſtres par le diët Lord de Heriſe, le Laird detrakuoys, le preuoſt de Liſlebour, que filz vouloïſt mettre par eſcript ce que dont Ilz diſoient que Je les aurois auert, que Je leurs renderois reſponſe par eſcript, et que ce que Je aurois fait Je lauourois et leurs dirois la reſon pour quoy Je laurois fait : ce que Je nauois fait auſſy Je leurs dirois ſi Je le ſaurois qui ſauroïſt eſte ; et que apres que Ils choiſirent ſis myniſtre, ſis gentilzhommes, le preuoſt du diët Liſlebour, et einc des plus honneſtes hommes de la diète ville, et que leurs eſcript et ma reſponſe fuſet miſe entre leurs mains, et que ce que les dixhuiët trouueroïſt que Je aurois oſenſé, que ce quilz ordonneroïſt que Je deuerois faire pour les ſatiffaire, que Je le ferois. Mes Ilz ne mont Jamais voulu rendre reſponſe. Voyla les ofres quay faitte, laquelle Il me ſemble eſtre ſy reſonnable quil ny a homme de bien en eſcoſſe quil ne die que Je ne me ſois mys en tout deuoir de ce que la reſon le requeroïſt. Mais puis quil ny a aultre remede Je ſuis content de man aller en Franſe. Toute fois Je feray preſenté vne requeſte aux eſtas a cete conuention, laquelle fera ſy equitable que Je maſſeure que me feres cet honneur que de tenir la main quelle me ſeoit acordee. Et touchent laucation de mon partemant, croyes Je vous ſupplie que ce neſt point par faulte de courage, comme Jay eſperanſe de le vous faire paroïſtre auent quil ſeoit paſſé ; et le vous manderay ſytoſt que ceray en France, ayent eſperanſe quil coutera la vie a dix mille homme

qui ne font pas eſcofois ou noſtre maiftre fera vangé de la thraifon que long luy a faicte, et ſil nen debourfèra pas vng double; et que Je luy feray paroiftre que Je luy fuiſ fidelle ſeruiteur, et que Je ne le laifèray en cete aduerſite, ny mes bons amys. Quent Il vous plaira de meſcripre, donnez voz lettres a mylord d'Oglwy ou au cappitaine de cete place ou a laird de Mynto, et ceulx la me les feront tenir ſeuement, ou a laird Kilſayt. Et pour la fin de ma lettre, Je vous ſupplie humblement de vous aſſeurer que Je vous demeureray tent que Je vyueray tres fidelle amy, et quauès toute puiſſèſe de me commander, ny ayent rien que Je puiſſè faire pour voſtre ſeruite que Je ne face dauſſy bon ceur que Je vous baiſè humblement les mains: Prient Dieu,

Monſieur, quil vous ayt en ſa ſeainte garde. Du chafteau de Dumbartane ce xx^{eme} jour de Septembre 1582.

Vofre bien humble et fidelle amy a vous faire ſeruite.

LENOX

A MONSIEUR

MONSIEUR LE COMTE DARGUIL.

19. QUEEN ELIZABETH TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

JAN. 20, 1582.

Right truſtie and right welbelouid Colin We grete you well: The care we have hitherto had and do ſtill continewe, of the ſafety and

refer you well. The same has been written to her and to
her good brother the King your minister and to several
other noble men and other his servants about his person
and the state of religion, the first example
being between the two kingdoms. among whom being
great commendation of your forwardness and good
will not but particularly let you understand by our
in for the same, and therefore you had to be by some
way to be nothing doubt but that you will give
your constant perseverance in your good works
of your prince, for as you shall see in the
it shall be good to your self and to your subjects
to a man of your ruling and quality. Given
and the date of January 1522 to the King and

Your humble servant
Christoph

well doing of our good brother the King your Maister, and the weale of his estate, moveth vs to esteeme and favour those noble men and other his serrauntes about his person, that shewe themselves well affected to the mayntenaunce of the state of religion, the furtheraunce of his service, and continewaunce of the good amitie betwene the twoo Crownes. Among whom having many waies heard very good reporte and great commendacioun of your forwardnes and good inclinacioun in all these three pointes, we could not but perticulerly let you vnderstand by our owne lettres, how well we do thinke of you for the same, and thinterest you have thereby wonne in our speciall favour and good liking of you, which We nothing doubt, but that you will geve vs cause to continewe still towards you, by your constant perseveraunce in your good zeale towards God, and dutie towards the servis of your Prince, wherby you shall discharge your conscience towards both, and winne thereby, both to your selfe and to your posteritye hereafter, that reputation that apperteyneth to a man of your calling and qualitie. Given vnder our Signet at our Manour of Richmond the xxth of January 1582, the five and twentieth yeare of our raigene.

Your Lovinge Cousin.

ELIZABETH R.

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTIE AND RIGHT WELBELOUED
COSIN THE ERLE OF ARGILE.

20. THE SIEUR DE MAINVILLE GENTLEMAN OF THE BEDCHAMBER TO
THE KING OF FRANCE TO COLIN EARL OF ARGYLL.—APR. 9, 1583.

Monfieur, vous voyes affés parceque Monfieur de Doun & moy vous auons mande par le feigneur Jihan Grahame, Combien vofre prefence fait befoing Iey, et celle des aultres feigneurs qui font mandes, tellement que Je penfe que celluy qui feroit pareffeux a venir pourroit eſtre accuſe a bon droit d'auoir non feulement abandonne le bien mais auoir fait le mal des affaires de ce pays. C'eſt pourquoy Je vous ſupplie bien humblement vouloir faire en forte que Monfieur de Glenkerne n'encoure point en ce mauuaix credit, mais quil vienne a ceſte conuention neantmoins cequil a deſia mandé au roy ; Ceque Je m'aſure quil fera pour vofre autorite, ſi a ma priere il vous plaiſt luy en eſcripre, et luy enuoyer celle que Je luy eſcrips. Je vous baiſe bien humblement les mains, & prie Dieu,

Monfieur, vous donner en parfaicte fante, hereuſe & longue vie.
Donne Edinbourg ce ix^e Jour D'april 1583.

Permettes moy Monfieur de baiſer les mains a
Madame en ce bout de lettre.

Vofre bienlumble a vous obeir et ſeruir.

MAINEUILLE.

A MONSIEUR

MONSIEUR LE COMPTE D'ARGUIL.

21. KING HENRY IV. OF FRANCE TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.

—MAY 28, 1583.

Monfieur Le Conte, Au retour du feigneur de la Mothe Fennellon Confeiller en mon Confeil deſtat, & du feigneur de Maigneuille Gentilhomme ordinaire de ma chambre, Jay receu les lettres que m'avez eſcriptes, et par luy entendu leſtat ou il a laiſſé toutes choſes pardela. & la bonne affection que vous avez a la manutenacion du Repos qui y eſt neceſſaire bonne auſſy a la conſeruation & fortification de lantienne amitye & alliance qui eſt entre ceſtuy mon Royaume et celluy d'Eſcoſſe, dont je vous ſcay fort bon gre. Vous priant de penſer en ceſte bonne volonte, avec aſſurance, que le Roy voſtre Maĩſtre nentrera jamais en amitye et alliance qui luy ſoit plus vtile et certaine que ceſte cy, comme ſes predeceſſeurs lont experimente, et laduenir le fera encores congnoiſtre. Je ſuis bien fort aiſé audemourant du bon debuoir que me promeitz fere pour la Reſtitucion des vins & baſtel appartenans a aucuns marchans mes ſubiectz qui leur ont eſte prins & depredez par quelques pirates eſcoſſois. Je vous prie de leur en faire fere telle Juſtice & ſatiſfaction quilz aient ocaſion de ſen louer, par ceſt choſe que Jay en ſinguliere Recommandacion. Et a ce propoz Je vous diray que Jay nagueres faiet fere Raiſon, & ordonne paiement eſtre faiet a vng Eſcoſſois de lappretiacion & eſtimacion qui a eſté faiete d'vng ſien vaiſſeau qui fut (ſe di& II) prins par le feu Seigneur Stroſſy pour ſen ſeruir en ſon veoiage de mer, comme Je feray fere des aultres prinſes qui viendront a ma congnoiſſance eſtre faietes par mes ſubiectz ſur ceulx d'Eſcoſſe ainſy quil conuiet a

l'amitye & alliance si estroicte qui est entre ces deux coronnes. Priant Dieu, Monsieur le Conte, vous auoir en sa sancte et digne garde. Escript A Paris le xxviije Jour de May 1583.

HENRY.

A MONSIEUR LE COMTE D'ARGYLE.

22. THE SIEUR DE LA MOTHE FENELON AMBASSADOR FROM THE COURT OF FRANCE TO COLIN SIXTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

JAN. 25, 1583.

Monsieur, J'auoy desiré de vous pouuoyr bailler en presence ceste aultre lettre que le Roy treschrestien mon seigneur vous escript. Et a cest effect J'auoy prié le Roy vostre souuerain quil luy pleut vous escripre, et a ceulx de sa noblesse de venir en ce lieu, afin de vous pouuoyr exposer a toutz ce que sa Majesté treschrestienne m'auoit donné en creancee pour vous dire. Mais voyant la longueur qu'on vze en cella, et que J'ay trouué vng si oportun messager comme cestuy cy qui vous va trouuer. J'ay bien voulu vous fere tenir par luy ladite lettre, par la quelle vous comprendrez assez la bonne et droicte Intention que sa Majesté treschrestienne a vers le serenissime Roy son bon frere, et vers vous, et les Seigneurs de sa noblesse qui estes des plus principaulx d'icelle, et vers le bien de l'Estat, et de l'uniuersel repos, et conseruacion de toutz les gens de bien du Royaulme, dont esperant que voudrez tresuolontiers assister ceste tant bonne intention de sa ditte Majesté treschrestienne. Je n'adiousteray rien dauantage a sa dite lettre que ce que pourrez entendre par ce seigneur present

porteur, lequel f'est trouue en ceste court a mon arriueé. Et prieray aufürplus nostre Seigneur, apres auoyr salué toutes voz bonnes gracies de mes humbles trefaffectionnes recommandacions, ensemble celles fil vous plait de madame la comtesse, qu'il vous donnt et a Elle.

Monfieur. En trefparfaiète fanété treflongue vye, Et tout le bien & prosperite que vous desire. Don Edinbourg ce xxv^e Jour de Januyer fellon la nouuelle computacion de France et xv^e fellon lancienne 1583.

Vostre bien fort humble et obeiffant a vous fere seruice.



A MONSIEUR

MONSIEUR LE COMPTE D'ARGUIL.

23. KING JAMES VI. TO ARCHIBALD SEVENTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—
SEPT. 21, 1588.

Richt traift coufing, We greit zow hartlie weill. The fame occaßioun that moved ws to tak panis in our awin perfoun at the bordouris git continewing, and a number of thevis fugitives lying out and daylie

making incurfionis to the trouble of our gude subiectis, We are movit to interteny ane ordinar force aganis thame thir thrie nixt monethis, And to that effect mon burding ʒow and your freindis with four hundreth able footmen with bowis, or fa mony as may be with hagbuttis, the ane half to ferve for the moneth of O&tober nixtocum, and the vther half for the moneth of November. Quherfoir We defyr ʒow effectuoufflie, all excufis fet apart, That ʒe faill nocht to caus the first tua hundreth with fufficient Leaderis and prouiffoun for xxx dayis be in Edinburgh vpoun the xxvij day of September infant. quhair we have appointed the Laird of Caddell to be thair commander, and to reffave and convoy thame to the place of feruice; and befor the laft day of O&tober that ʒe gar the vther tua hundreth, lykewais providit, releiff thame, as ʒe will do acceptable pleafour and gude feruice, and will give ws a pruiiff of that affectioun ʒe beir to the furthering of our feruice, according to the lovable cuttome of ʒour forbearis: Letting ws vnderftand be ʒour anfuer in write with this bearer quhat we fall certanelie lippin for. And fa We commit ʒow to God. AT our caftell of Striuling the xxj day of September 1588.

JAMES R.

TO OUR RICHT TRAIST COUSING AND COUNSALLOUR,
THE ERLE OF ERGYLE AND HIS TUTOURIS, OR
SIC OF THAME AS SALL BE PRESENT FOR THE
TYME.

24. QUEEN ELIZABETH TO ARCHIBALD SEVENTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—

JUL. 23. 1595.

Right trustie and right wellbeloued Cousin, Wee greet yow hartelie well: Wee haue vnderstoode so fullie by our seruant Bowes, of your great care of such thinges as he of late hath recommended vnto yow, that wee cannot any longer forbear to acknowledge the same by our owne lettres, thereby to assure yow, that such is our contentment to find yow allwell the successour of your noble fatheris love and good will to our Estate, as the Inheritour of his fortune, that Wee are more and more desirous to vnderstand from yow in some particuler, howe Wee might demonstrate our desire to pleasure and gratefie yow, being one, whose actions haue confirmed to the worlde, not only your constancie and faith to your Soueraigne in tyme of greatest tryall, but also your Judgement in discerning clearelie, howe dishonorable it would be for any man of noble bloodd to yelde the least countenance and assistance to so base and malicious Rebellis. Lett these lynes therefore serue wee pray yow for this tyme, and for some other particuler giue faith to our seruant Bowes. And where Wee vnderstande that your Cousin MACLANE is much at your devotion, and one of power and commandment in those Isles of the Northe, Wee doe desire yow, that he may find by yow, howe well yow are disposed towardis vs, which wee doe knowe will much directe his courses, and for which Wee wilbe found most ready to requitt him. All which wee doe the more recommend to yow, becaufe Wee are informd, that our dearest Brother the King of Scottis did deale with yow for

the fame in the prefence of one of our owne fervantis employed in Bowes his abfence. Yeoven, at our Mannor of Greenwich, the xxij^d day of Julie in the xxxvijth yere of our Raigne 1595.

Your most Assured Lovinge Coufin,

ELIZABETH R.

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND RIGHT WELBELOUED
COUSIN, THE ERLE OF ARGILE.

25. KING JAMES VI. TO COLIN SEVENTH EARL OF ARGYLL.—
FEB. 8, [1604?]

JAMES R.

Richt traift coufing and commfallour. We great you wele. Being credibillie informit that the Lard of Auchinbrek, your coufing and waffall, hath as yit maid no redrefle of the oppreffionis and wrongis committit by him and his complices upoun our fehirreff of Bute, and the fewis and tenmentis of our awin propir landis within the Yle of Bute, quhilkis partlie wer confest and partlie provin aganis him in prefence of ws and our Counfale thair, and quhilkis your felff become caution aetit in the bulkis of our Secretit Counfale to fie redreffed and fatiflicit: bot in forder contempt of all law and iuftice continewis fill in oppreffion and committing reiffis and fpoylis upoun our faid fehirreff and tenmentis, to thair great trouble and wrak. Lyke as the

said Lard of Auchinbrek hath not yit found that forme of cautioun
 injoynt to him be ws and our Counsale, anent the keping of our
 peace and gude ordour in that our cuntrie. In respect quherof we
 haue directit our lettre to our counsale thair, to tak ordour with the
 said Larde, by directing out chairges aganis him boith for redresse
 of the said spoyles, oppreffiounis, and wrongis alreddy committit be
 him in that our Yle of Bute, and finding of sufficient cautioun for
 the indempnitie of the said schirreff and tennentis in tyme cuning.
 And thairfoir sence ge are bund be act of Counsale as his cheiff and
 maister to mak him anfuerable to our lawes, conforme to the gene-
 rall band, that ge fail not, as ge will anfuer to ws upoun your dewitie
 and alledgeance, to entir and present him as ge salbe requirit
 thairto, befor our Counsale, to be taekein ordour with by thame as
 thai fall think expedient. And becaus we will not suffer sic enor-
 miteis and oppreffiounis to be committit vpoun our awne pair ten-
 nentis, that pais ws maill and dewitie, without examplar pvnifche-
 ment, We haue thocht gude heirby to gif you warning, that in cais
 we heir any forder of thair oppreffioun or truble, We will impute the
 blame to you, and provyde sic remeid as fall not stand with your
 contentment. And sua wiseheing you to judge how hardlie we con-
 fait of sic vyld oppreffioun of our poore tennentis, all the rest of our
 cuntries and dominionis being so quiete as thai ar, We bid you fair-
 wele from our Honnour of Hampton the viij of Februar

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND WELBELOWED
 COWSEN AND COUNSELLOUR THE EARLE OF
 ARGYLE.

26. KING JAMES VI. TO THE EARL OF MONTROSE CHANCELLOR.—

FEB. 9, 1604.

JAMES R.

Right trusty and welbeloned Cowfen and Counfellour Wee greeete yow hartely well. Wee haue considered of the seruice of the Earle of Argyle, and finde it such as deserueth not only high commendation but speciall rewarde, whereby others may be encouraged to vndertake the like. And therefor it is our pleafour that yee enforme the rest of our counfell there, both of our good mynde towards him, and contentment which wee haue of his seruice. How and in what meafour wee are to recompense the fame wee haue not yet thought good to aduertise yow nor them, aswell in respect of other weighty affaires which wee haue in hand, as also because our Secretary of Scotland is shortlie for our seruice to be here, to whome wee will at full communicate our resolution in that point, whome wee shall likewise commaunde to imparte the fame vnto yow. Thus wee bid yow farewell. From our Pallace of Whitehall the nynth of Februarie 1604.

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND WELBELOUED
COWSEN AND COUNSELLOUR THE EARLE
OF MONTROS OUR CHAUNCELOUR OF OUR
KINGDOME OF SCOTLAND.

James F.

Right trusty and Well beloved counsellor and counsellor we greete you
gently well. We have your conference of the former of the treaty
of Arras and finde it such as deserveth not only great commendation
but speciall reward whereby others may be encouraged to undertake
the like. And therefore it is our pleasure that you confer me the rest
of our counsell to the best of a good mynde towards you and contentment
with your service. You and in what manner we are
to recompense the same we shall not yet thought good to advertise
you nor them, aswell in respect of other matters appoynted us
glad in glad he also because our secretaries so goodlie for our
service to be given to usome we will it further communicate our
resolution in that point to some we shall likewise command to
impart the same unto you. Thus we bid you farewell
from our residence of Mythenhall the xijth of february 1604

To our right trusty and Well beloved counsellor
and counsellor the count of Montrose
Counsellor of the Kingdome of Scotland.

27. KING JAMES VI. TO SIR THOMAS HAMILTON OF MONKLAND,
KNIGHT, ADVOCATE, 27 DEC. 1606.

JAMES R.

It is our speciall pleafour and will, that the fummoundis and proces of forfaulture intended at your instance as our Advocatt aganis M^cCloyde of Hereis for certane speciall crymes of lese majestie and trefoun speciallye libellit in the saidis fummoundis, be continewit in this nixt enfewing fessioun of Parliament of that our kingdome, and that no proces be led thairin at that fessioun; bot the fame continewit in the same force and effect to the nixt enfewing Parliament thairafter: Quhairanent thir presentis falbe to you a sufficient warrand. Gevin at our Pallace of Whitehalle the xxvijth of December 1606.

TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTYE AND WEILBELOUED COUNSELLOUR SIR THOMAS HAMILTOUN OF MOUNKLAND KNIGHT OUR ADUOCATT IN OUR KINGDOME OF SCOTLAND.

28. KING CHARLES I. TO ARCHIBALD MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.—

12 JUN. 1641.

Argyll. I am informed that one Lietennant Colonell Stewart imployed heere (as it is sayd) by the Earle of Montrose, hes deponed something of his dealing with Traquaire, and that by him I should haue giuen afeurance of disposing of some vacant Places, to such perfones as was joined in a laite Band with the E. of Montrose, thereby insinuating that my jurnie to Scotland was onlie desyred and procured by Montrose and Traquaire, and lykewais that my intent there in is rather to make and forder parties, then to receaue from, and giue contentment to my Subjects: Now since that (by the grace of God) I haue resolued of my jurnie to Scotland it makes me the more curius, that my actions and intentions, be not misconceaued by my subjects there: Therefore in the first place, I thinke fitt to tell you that I intend my jurnie to Scotland for the satling of the affaires of that Kingdome, according to the Articles of the Treatie, and in such a way as may establish the affections of my People fully to me; and I am so far from intending diuision, by my jurnie, that I meane, so to establishe Peace in State, and Religion in the Churche, that there may be a happie harmonic amongst my Subjects there: Secondlie I neuer made anie particuler promis, for the disposing of anie places in that Kingdome, but meanes to dispose them, for the best aduantadge of my seruice, and therein I hope to giue fatisfaction to my Subjects: And as for my Letter to Muntrose, I doe auow it, as fitt for me to wryte, bothe for the matter and the perfon to whome it is written, who for

Argyll, I am informed that one Licentiate (Ronell Stewart) employed
here (as it is sayd) by the Earle of Monrose, has deposed something of his
dealing with Traquair, & that by him I should have given assurance
of disposing of some vacant Places, to such persones as was joined in a
late Band with the E. of Monrose, thereby insinuating that my jurnie
to Scotland was onlie desired & procured by Monrose & Traquair,
& by kenais that my intent there in is rather to make & foster par-
ties, then to receive from, & give consentment to my Subjects: Now since
that (by the grace of God) I have resolved of my jurnie to Scotland it makes
me the more curius, that my actions & insentions, be not misconceaved by
my Subjects there: Therefore in the first place, I thinke fit to tell you
that I send my jurnie to Scotland for the settling of the affaires of
that Kingdome, according to the Articles of the Treatie, & in such
a way, as may establish the affections of my People fully to me; & I
am so far from intending division, by my jurnie, that I meane, so to
establishe Peace in State, & Religion in the Church, that there may



anie thing I yet know, is no wais unworthie of fuch a fauor: Thus hauing cleered my intentions to you as my particular seruant, I expect, that as oceaſion may ſerue, you may helpe to cleere thoſe miſtakes of me which upon this oceaſion may aryſe: Laſtly, for the preparations for my euming home I doe rather mention it, to ſhow the conſtant reſolution of my jurnie, then in anie dout of your diligence therein: and ſo I reſt

Your aſſeured friend

WHYTHALL THE 12 OF JUNE 1641.

CHARLES R.

29. KING CHARLES I. TO ARCHIBALD MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.—

9 MAY 1642.

Argyle, this is a tyme, wherein all my ſeruants, that ar able and willing, will haue oceaſion to ſhow them felles; and (according as they now apeare) will approue themſelſes worthie, or not, of my fauor: amongeſt whom, as it is well knowen your power wants not to ſerue me, ſo by your large expreſſions, at my laſt being in Scotland, and hauing, by ſome reall teſtimonies, ſhown the eſtimation that I haue of you, I cannot dout of your reddineſs; and therfor I haue moſt particularly commanded this bearer Mungo Murray to acquaint you with the oceaſion of this next Counſell dayes meeting, as lykewais, which way I expect your ſeruiſe therein, of which being confident, that I ſhall haue a good account, I reſt

Your moſt aſſeured friend

YORKE 9 OF MAY 1642.

CHARLES R.

30. ANNE OF AUSTRIA QUEEN DOWAGER OF FRANCE TO ARCHIBALD
MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.—8 JUL. 1644.

Monsieur le Marquis d'Argyll. Le S^r Gray, baron de Scheues qui a esté mon domesticque, desirant se retirer en Escosse, et m'ayant fait prier de le gratifier de ma Recommandation vers Vous, Je la luy ay bien volontiers accordée sur la confiance que iay que Vous le fauriez de vostre bienveillance par ma consideration, non seulement comme Originaire d'Escosse, estant filz dun naturel Escossois, Mais encor comme nay en France et esleué a mon seruice : Vous asseurant que la faueur que vous luy ferez me sera si agreable, que ie prendray tousiours a plaisir de vous faire paroistre les bons sentimens qui m'en demeureront : Je prie Dieu cependant quil vous ayt Monsieur le Marquis d'Argyll, en sa seure garde. Escrit a Paris, le hui&ieme Juillet 1644.

ANNE.

A MONSIEUR

LE MARQUIS D'ARGYLL.

31. KING CHARLES I. TO ARCHIBALD MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.—

17 Nov. 1646.

NEW CASTELL, 17 *Nov.* 1646.

Argyle, I shall not trouble you with publike bufinesses, not douting but that you will doe according to your professiions, wherfor this is only to recommend a particular to you which is concerning the admittance of the Earle of Traquaire to his place in Parliament, desyring you to further it what you can, which will be a courtoisy much estimed by

Your most aſeured reall constant frend

CHARLES R.

32. KING CHARLES I. TO ARCHIBALD MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.—

4 DEC. 1646.

NEW CASTELL 4 *De.* 1646.

Argyle, I fend you heerin clofed my Anfwer which I haue refolued to fend to London, refering you to Will Murray for showing you what use I expect you should make of it, in order to his seruice who is

Your most aſeured reall constant frend

CHARLES R

33. KING CHARLES I. TO ARCHIBALD MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.

23 DEC. 1647.

CARSBROOKE 23 *Decem*: 1647.

Argile, housoeuer, heere to fore, you and I haue differed in Judgement, I beliuē now that the present state of Affaires are such, as will make you hartely embrace my Cause, it being grounded upon those particulars that were neuer in question betweene you and me: and for those things wherein you and I yet may be of feuerall opinions, I haue giuen such satisfaction to the Scots Commisfioners, that with confidence I desyre your concurrence in what hath bene agreed betweene them and me, knowing your zeale to your Country, and your many profefsions to me: as this bearer will more at large tell you, to whom referring you I rest

Your most afseured reall constant
frend

CHARLES R.

I desyre you to beliuē whatsoeuer
Traquaire will tell you in my name.

FOR THE MARQUIS OF ARGYLE.

34. HENRIETTA MARIA QUEEN OF CHARLES I. 22 JAN. 1648.

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 72: 47: faire parostre. Ce sont les subiects de.

Cellecy, a quoy Je n'ay rien a adionster, que de
vous prier de m'en croire, et que Je suis véritable-
ment, Mon Cousin,

De St. Germain. ce 22.
de Jan 1648

Très affectionnée
et amie
HENRIETTE MARIE

34. KING CHARLES II. TO ARCHIBALD MARQUIS OF ARGYLL.—

14 OCT. 1652.

MY LORD,

Since both by my absence and ill fortune, I want occasion and meanes to put my selfe in any probability of giving you for reall an acknowledgement of those respects to my person and affection to my Interests you have soe effectively shewed att my beeng in Scotland, as they deserve; I shall herewith desire your Lordship to be satisfied with the thankfullnesse I shall ever conserve in my minde towards you, untill some good oportunity make me as capable, as I shall be ready, to shew my selfe really

Your Lordships

Most affectionate friend
to serve you

CHARLES.

HAGHE THIS 14 OF OCT. 1652.

FOR MY LORD MARQUIS OF ARGYLE.

35. ORDERS BY GENERAL MIDDLETON TO ARCHIBALD LORD LORNE.

—JUL. 2, 1654.

You are heereby authorized and commanded to place a Garrifon in Castle Keth horne, and to defend and keepe the same to the utmost of your power for his Majesties service agaynst all oppositions whatsoever.

JO. MIDDLETONE.

Given under my hand At Lud
in Athol, Jul. 2, 1654.

FOR THE RIGHT HONORABLE ARCHIBALD
LORD LORNE.

You are heereby authorized and commanded to place a Garrifon in Alahalader, and to defend and keepe the same for his Majesties service to the utmost of your power agaynst all opposition whatsoever.

JO. MIDDLETONE.

Given under my hand At Lud
in Athol, Jul. 2, 1654.

FOR THE RIGHT HONORABLE ARCHIBALD
LORD LORNE.

36. LETTER TO HIS MAJESTIE (KING CHARLES II.) FROM MY LORD
LORNE HIS FREINDS.—26 JUL. 1661.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

The sone of Cresus having been dumb from his nativity, yet notwithstanding when in a battle he perceaved a foldier ready to sheath his sword in his fathers bowells, his vehement zeall for his fathers preservatione burst afunder these tyes which so far had bound up his tongue from speaking, and made him cry out for safety to his dear father. The lyke affection have laid a force upon us the Cadets, kinsmen and branches of the house of Argyle, having of that sudden desolatione and calamity that is com upon that house to break of silence, and in all humility, to represent to your Majestie the constant, uninterrupted, inbred loyalty and fidelity born by our Cheifs and our fore fathers to your Majesties royall predecessors, which they have testified by the performances of many notable services in ages past. As in the year of Christ, 1155, when that grand rebell Somerled did conspire against his soveraign Malcome the 4th called the Maiden, raised a great army of Islanders and others, made a horrible devastatione over all the main land of this kingdome, Gilchrist then Earle of Angus, being sent by the King against him with ane army, was eminently assisted by our Cheif, his freinds, and followers: Somerled the rebell was overthrown, and forced to flie to Ireland, wher gathering a new power, returned with lyke hostility, as before, was subdued upon the river of Clyde, suffered due punishment at Glasgow, for his proud treasonable attempts.

In the year 1306, that renowned Prince King Robert Bruce, shortly after his Coronatione being routed at Meflin near Perth by Sir Emery Walleine Leivtenant Generall to King Edward the 4th of England, and forsaken of the most part of his freinds, his Queen being taken, made prisoner in the tour of London, his brethren putt into death, and the small remander of his army, which conducted him, being again routed at Strathphillan by John M'Dougall of Lorne descended from Somerled: our Cheif at that tyme Sir Neill Campbell, with a most constant loyalty adhered to King Robert in his great extreimity with his kinfinen and followers, conducting him first to Argyle, then to Kintyre: and from thence (being still followed by the said John.) unto the Isle of Rachine near Ireland, where he wintred, and was preserved for a tyme, untill he remaffed some forees, returned the next year to the Isle of Arran; and from thence landed in Carriek, surpyrred the Castle of Turnberry; from thence went to Inverness, by the montanous way; and ever after did profecute his victories with many wrestlings, till in end he routed Edward the 2d of England, called Carnavan, at Bannockburn, near Stirling, delyvered Scotland from a long and cruell bondage, gott in Stirling Castle, and all the strong holds of the land, being always strongly assisted by Sir Neill Campbell our Cheif and his kinfinen, upon whom that renowned Prince bestowed his royall sifter Lady Marjorie Bruce in marriage, pat many favours and marks of his princely love upon him, and his house and children.

It was alone at this tyme, in September 1308, that these thrie valiant knights, Sir Neill Campbell, Sir Alexander Seatoun, Sir Gilbert Hay, made Indentouris, yet extant, subferyved with ther hands

and fealled with ther fealls, at the Abbay of Cambukenneth, did bind themselves to stand to the outermost in defence of ther soveraign King Robert against all deadly, as the Indenter bears als well French, English, as Scots.

King David Bruce succeding to his fathers crown, a child of seven years old, in the beginning of his reign, anno 1332, then Edward Balioll, assisted by many English and French, and many Scots also, did usurp the crown of Scotland, and thereafter supported by Edward the 3d of England. forced King David to flee to France, for safety. (his partie in Scotland being brought so low,) or to have lost all the strength of the Nation, except when none durst avow King David to be king. The first check to ther usurping authority was given by the Lord Robert Stewart his Majesties royall prediceffor, who then was very young; but in that great extreimity faithfully assisted by our cheif Sir Collen Campbell and his freinds, who by force invaded the castle of Dunnoone in Cowell, took it in by assault. Ther good successe was fortunat, and so well improven by the regents of young King David, still assisted by our cheif and his freinds, that in end, they established King David on his Throne. For the which service, this generous and kynd Prince bestowed many evidents of his royall bounty upon our cheif, as his evidents yet extant doe bear, as the heretabill keeping of this Castle, with a yearly pensione for the same; as also he did create, John Campbell son to Sir Neill, Earle of Athole.

King James the first, of eternall and blessed memory, being 18 years detained prisoner by the English, his uncle Robert Duke of Albany, and his sone Duke Murdoch, had in the opinion of all men settled themselves in the possession of the crown, never mynding to

ranfome King James, or bring him home ; yet fuch was the hereditary and inbred loyalty of our cheiff, Sir Collen Campbell, that notwithstanding of his alliance of his eldeft fone, Sir Duncan, in marriage with Lady Marjory Stewart, Duke Roberts daughter, yet he rather improved ther opportunity of freindship to the advantadge of his Sovereign, then to his of his alliance, and privat refpect, and never ceafed till he broght them to condifcend to the ranfoming and re-eftablifhing of King James on his fathers throne.

King James 2^d in his young years being redacted to great ftraits by the banding of many great men againft his authority, our Cheif, then Collen Earle of Argyll, did adhere moft constantly to his Sovereign Lord, laying out himfelf to the outmoft for bringing down fo dangerous a rebellion, and fettling the Croun in fecurity to his Sovereign. His Sone alfo Earle Archebald dyed feighting valiantly near his Sovereign Lord and Prince James the 4th in the fatall day of Floudon.

Neither is it to be over paffed that King James the 5th in his younger years, as he was to take the goverment in his own hand, was plunged into many difficulties, being croffed in his defigns by many nobles of the greateft power of this Nation, notwithstanding our Chief, Collen Earle of Argyle, flood constant and firme to the maintainance of the royall authority, and in end was made leivtenment generall of all the fouth fhyres ; in which fervice afifted alwayes with his kinfman and freinds, he fo behaved himfelf, that within few dayes he brought all the kings enemies either to abfolut fubmiffion, or then to betake themfelves to banifhment out of the realme. For which fervice this king putt a high mark of favour on that. The Charter of his reward, beareth thefe words, FOR HOLDING THE CROUN UPON OUR HEAD.

Queen Mary, mother to King James the 6th of happy memory, escaping prison out of the castle of Lochlevin anno Domini 1568, being forsaken (for the most part) by the Nobilitie, in a most dangerous, backflying tyme; yet our Cheif, then Archebald Earle of Argyll, retaining his ancient inbred loyalty of that house, was not wanting to her in her great extremitie, and was generall of her army, adhering still constantly thereafter to her partie, till such tyme as her sone King James came to be of considerable age and understanding, from whose authority thereafter he did never shrink.

Wee shall not vex your Majesties patience by making mention of many horrid infurrections and rebellions of Islanders, and remote mountainous men that have been broken, destroyed and overthrowen by our Cheiffs and ther freinds, and how many notorious malefactors and cruell oppressors have been brought from ther strong holds and inaccessible places, otherwayes hardly to be overtaken without great blood shed and expence, and yet have been overcome and brought by our Cheifs to ther condigne punishment. Yea we may with all confidence and credit avow, that never any of our cheifs, of the house of Argyll or other Cousins or Cadeitts have been tainted to this day with the least mark of dyfloyalty or disobediencie to ther soveraign lords, the kings of Scotland; but by the contrar they have alwayes been most willing, to sett themselves for bearing down the infollencie of the remote rebellious lawless men, which is much occasioned by the remotnes and distance of these places quher we live, far from the lawes and Justice, the horror of rocks, woods and mountains contributing much unto this. Let the most ancient of men be consulted, and all the progres of the history of this Nation considered, and all

that we have said shall be found to be certain and unanswerable. This moved the wisest of Princes in his time, King James of happy memory, to give this testimony of our family, that it was the fondest and most loyal family to the crown of Scotland that ever he knew.

And now, Sir, when your sacred Majesty, after so many sad sufferings, has so fully tasted of the sweet mercy of Jesus Christ, who hath lifted up your head above all your enemies round about you, by a miracle of unexampled mercy, and when you are, next God, over these kingdoms, when so Sir it shall be your glory to be like unto God, whose mercies are over all his works, remember our Chief, now in his low condition, with reference to his old progenitors, and his poor kinsmen: and as we have already said, let the most ancient and prudent be demanded, and let your registers and records be looked, and try, if ever any other family of Scotland hath done to your Majesty's royal progenitors so many acceptable services in so many ages, constantly continued without any crack, backsliding or remission: then shall it be no grief to your Majesty, nor offence of heart, that you have not rooted out so loyal and so ancient a family, who in most backsliding times have still retained our loyalty and integrity, and it shall be our daily prayer to our God to make unto your Majesty and your royal posterity a fair house: and this we do all subscribe upon the knees of our heart, and our tears in our eyes, as your Majesties

Most humble and obedient Subjects & Servants.

26 Julie 1611.

From the Court of
on the day of his Execution 30 June 1685.

Dear James

Edrd Castle 30 June
1685

Learn to trust God it is the only way
to make you happy here & hereafter.
Love & respect my wife & children & her
advise the Lord bless you & am

Your Loving Father
M^{rs} Bell

For

M^r James Campbell

37. FROM THE EARL OF ARGYLL TO HIS SON ON THE DAY OF HIS
EXECUTION.—30 JUNE, 1685.

Edinburgh Castle 30 June

Deare James

85.

Learn to feare God it is the only way to make you happie heere
and heerafter Loue and respect my wiffe and hearken to her aduice
the Lord blefs you. I am

Your louing Father

ARGYLL.

FOR
MR. JAMES CAMPBELL.



APPENDIX.

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1. Charter under the Great Seal by King James III. to Colin Earl of Argyll, of the keeping of the Castle of Dunoon in Cowall.—18 Jan. 1472.

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem. Sciatis quod commissimus, et tenore presentium committimus dilecto consanguineo nostro Colino Comiti de Ergile, Domino Lorn et Cambell, Magistro hospicii nostri, custodiam castri nostri de Duvne, cum potestate constabularios, janitores, carcerum custodes, vigiles, ac ceteros Officiarios ad dicti Castri custodiam necessarios, constituendi, ac eosdem de suis officiis quotiens opus fuerit remouendi, et alios eorum loco imponendi; ac omnia alia et singula faciendi et perimplendi que ad dicti castri nostri custodiam necessaria fuerunt seu etiam oportuna. Pro cuiusquidem castri nostri custodia concessimus, et per presentes concedimus, et donamus, et pro perpetuo confirmamus eidem Colino, terras nostras de Bordlande cum pertinent, extenden, annuatim ad viginti septem marcas vsualis monete Regni nostri, jacen. in balliatu de Cowale, cum ceteris feodis ad custodiam dicti castri spectan. Tenend. et habend. custodiam dicti castri nostri de Duvne, vnacum terris de Bordlande pro custodia

eiufdem, dicto Colino et heredibus fuis, de nobis heredibus et fucefforibus noftris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum, cum omnibus et fingulis libertatibus, commoditatibus, et adamentis, ac iuftis fuis pertinentiis quibuseunque, tam non nominatis quam nominatis, ad dictum officium custodie caſtri, et ad prefatas terras cum pertinen, ſpectan, feu quouifmodo juſte ſpectare valen. in futurum, adeo libere, quiete, plenarie, integre, honorifice, bene et in pace, ſine reuocatione aut retinemento noſtri vel fucefforum noſtrorum quorumcunque. Reddendo inde annuatim dictus Colinus et heredes fui nobis, heredibus, et fucefforibus noſtris, vnam roſam rubeam, apud dictum caſtrum, pro dictis terris et officio, in feſto natiuitatis beati Johannis Baptiſte, nomine albe firme, ſi petatur. In cuius Rei teſtimonium preſenti carte noſtre magnam Sigillum noſtrum apponi precipimus. Teſtibus reuerendis in Chriſto patribus Thoma Epiſcopo Aberdonenſi, &c. Apud Edinburgh, decimo octauo die menſis Januarii Anno Domini milleſimo quadringenteſimo ſeptuageſimo ſecundo, et Regni noſtri Decimo tertio.—[*Reg. Mag. Sig.* vii. 189.]

2. Letter under the Privy Seal to Archibald Earl of Argyll of the Office of Keeper of the Houſe of Tarbat.—Aug. 22, 1499.

A Lettir maid to Archibald Erle of Ergile, Lord Campbell &c. of the keping of the hous of Tarbat, togidder with the balyery of governans of the landis of Knapdale pertening to the Kingis hienes, and als of the proffitis and dewiteis pertening to the ſamyn, to endur for our Soveranis Lordis will &c.—Aug. 22, 1499.—[*Reg. Sec. Sig.* i. 101.]

3. Commission to Archibald Earl of Argyll of the office of Justice General within the bounds of the Lordship of the Isles.—Apr. 26, 1500.

Jacobus, &c. Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere pervenerint, Salutem, Sciatis quod fecimus, constituimus et ordinavimus, ac tenore presentium facimus, constituimus, et ordinamus dilectum consiliarium et Cancellarium Archibaldum comitem de Ergile, dominum Campbell et Lorne, nostrum Locumtenentem generalem infra bondas domini nostri Insularum et terre firme ejusdem, olim Johanni Domino Insularum pertinen. Insula de Ile et duobus le Kintiris exceptis. Dan. et conceden. eidem Archibaldo, nostro Locumtenenti, nostram plenariam potestatem, et mandatum speciale, infra dictas bondas et partes, ac terras infra eandem, necnon nostros ligeos et subditos in eisdem commoran. et remanen. regulandi et gubernandi, statuta, ordinationes, et regimina inter eos pro gubernatione eorundem concedendi, &c. &c.—26 Apr. 1500 [*Reg. Sec. Sig.* I. 122.]

4. Letter under the Privy Seal to Archibald Earl of Argyll, of the office of Justice General. &c.—28 Oct. 1529.

Preceptum Litere Archibaldi Comitis Ergadie constituens eum Justiciarium Generalem infra totum regnum Scocie, ac Magistrum hospicii S. D. N. Regis pro toto tempore vite sue. Dan. et conceden, &c.—Apud Drumfries 28 Oct. 1529.—*Reg. Sec. Sig.* VIII, 132.

5. Protection to Archibald Earl of Argyll and his friends during his absence with the King in France and until his return.—28 Aug. 1536.

Ane protectioun, respitt, saugard, and exemptioun maid to Archibald Erle of Ergile, Lord Campbell and Lorne, his kin, freyndis, and fernandis, John Campbell of Caldour knyecht, John Campbell of Lundy knyecht, &c. &c. &c. to the nowmer of ije perfonis, to Indure fra the day of our Soverane Lordis departing furth of his realme quhill his returnyng agane within the samyn and xl dais thereafter. Excmand thame and ilkane of thame fra all anfuering and compering before quhatsumever Juge or Jugeis spirituale or temporale during the said space &c. At Stirling 28 August 1536 *Per Signaturam*— [*Reg. Sec. Sig.* x. 153, 157.]

6. Letter under the Priuy Seal to Archibald Earl of Argyll, of the office of principal Keeper of the forest of Mammyllorne in Braidalbane.—Dec. 30. 1541.

Ane Letter maid to Archibald Erle of Ergile, Makand him principale kepar of our Soverane Lordis forest of Mammyllorne in Braidalbane, during our said Soverane Lordis will; With power to him to mak and depute under him fervandis and keparis of the sammyn, and thame to remove, output and Input als oft as he pleis &c. At Edinburgh the penult day of December the zeir of God I^m V^c xli zeris.—*Per Signaturam* [*Reg. Sec. Sig.* xv. 67.]

7. THE TESTAMENT DATIVE and Inventar of the Guidis, Geir &c. pertening to Archibald Earl of Argyll.—Sept. 1573.

The Testament datiuē and Inuentar of the guidis geir foumes of money and dettis pertening to vñquhile ane nobill and michtie lord Archibald erle of Argile Lord Campbell and Lorne Chancellor of Scotland the tyme of his deceis Quha deceift in the moneth of September the geir of God I^m V^c lxxiiij geiris ffaithfullie maid and gevin vp be ane nobill and potent Lord Coline erle of Argile Lord Campbell and Lorne his bruther and execntour datiuē decernit to him be decret of the Commissaris of Edinburgh as the fame of the dait the viij day of May the geir of God I^m V^c lxxvj geiris at lenth proportis.

In the first the said vñquhile nobill and michtie Lord had the gaidis geir foumes of money and dettis of the avale and prices efter following pertening to him the tyme of his deceis foirfaid viz. in vtencilis and domicilis with filuer wark by the airschip estimat to the foume of foure hundreth pundis.

Suma of the Inuentar iiij^c lib.

Followis the dettis awand to the Deid.

Item thair wes awand to the said vñquhile nobill and michtie Lord be his tennentis respectiue eftir following for thair half fermes of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxiiij geiris viz. be his tennentis of Lorne for thair half fermes of the crope foirfaid Ivi bollis mele price of the boll xxiiij š. Summa lvij lib. iiij š. Item awand be the tennentis of Argile for thair half fermes lxxiiij bollis mele price of the boll xxiiij š. Summa lxxxviiij lib. xvj š. Item awand be the ten-

nentis within the boundis of Cowall lx bollis mele price of the boll xxiiij ſ. Summa lxxij lib. Item awand be the tennentis of the ten pund land of Campbell xxiiij bollis vittall price of the boll xxxij ſ. iiij d. Summa xl lib. Item awand be the tennentis of Menfrie fex chalder malt price of the boll xl ſ. Summa j^e lxxxxij lib. Item mair xvj bollis ferme mele price of the boll xxiiij ſ. Summa xix lib. iiij ſ. Item mair ane chalder quheic price of the boll xl ſ. Summa xxxij lib. Item awand be the tennentis of Lorne xv bollis beir price of the boll xxxij ſ. iiij d. Summa xxv lib. Item be the tennentis of Argyle xx bollis beir price of the boll xxxij ſ. iiij d. Summa l merkis Item awand be the tennentis of Cowall xl bollis beir price of the boll foirfaid Summa j^e merkis Item awand be the tennentis of Lorne Cowall and Argile for thair Witfounday termes male *in anno* foirfaid lxxvj lib. xij ſ. iiij d. Item awand of male martis and in the Bowloufis fevir feoir martis price of the pece ourheid iiij lib. Summa v^e lx lib. Item awand be the tennentis of Argile Cowall Lorne and Campbell fex feoir ftanes cheis price of the ftane ourheid vj ſ. viij d. Summa xl lib. Item awand be the tennentis of the baroneis of Muckert Dollour and Menfrie for thair faid Witfounday males thrie feoir nyne pundis fex felillingis aucht penneis Item awand be Schir James Hammiltoun for the efchete gudis and reftis of Robert fumtyme Bifchop of Dun-keld the foume of twa hundreth and fourtie pundis.

Summa of the dettis awand to the deid I^m j^e xij lib. iiij ſ.

Summa of the Inuentar with the dettis II^m xij lib. iiij ſ.

To be deuidit in twa partis The deidis part is I^m vj lib. ij ſ.

Quhairof the quot is componit for xl lib.

8. THE TESTAMENT TESTAMENTAR and Inventar of the Guidis Geir &c. pertening to vmquhile Lord Collene Erle of Argyll &c. Justice Generall of Scotland, and Latter Will of the said Erle.—5 Sept. 1584.

The Testament Testamentar and Inuentar of the guidis, geir, fowmes of money, and dettis pertening to vmquhile ane noble and potent Lord, Collene Erle of Argyll, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancellor and Justice Generall of Scotland &c. at the tyme of his deceife, quha deceift in the place of Darneway, vpoun the tent day of September, the 3^e geir of God I^m V^e lxxxiiij 3^e geiris ffaythfullie maid and gevin vp be ane nobill and potent Lady, Dame Annas Keyth, Countes of Argyle, his reliēt spous, quhome the said vmquhile nobill and potent Lord nominat and constitut his onlie executrix and intromeffatrix, with his hail guidis and geir, &c. In his Latter Will vnderwriten, of the dait at Darneway the fyft day of September, the 3^e geir of God foirfaid, as the samyn, subferiuit be the said vmquhile nobill Lordis awin hand, witneffis. vnderwrittin at lenth proportis.

In the first, the said vmquhile noble and potent Lord Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancler and Justice Generall of Scotland, &c. had the guidis, geir, fowmes of money, and dettis of the awaill and prices efter following, pertening to him the tyme of his deceife foirfaid, viz. vpoun the ground and landis of within the bowhouffis of Argyle, pertening to the said vmquhile noble and potent Lord, xv feoir ky, price of the pece ourheid vj. vj s. viij d. Summa I^m vj^e ti. Item, vpoun the ground and landis of

Campbell, thrie hundreth wedderis, price of the pece ourheid xx s. Summa iij^c lx li. Item, in filuer wark by the airfchipe, tua filuer baffingis, tua laweris, aucht filuer coupis, thrie filuer faltfattis, tuelf trunfcheouris of filuer, tua filuer flackonnes, faxtene filuer fpoynes, thrie hornes fet with filuer, ane mafcer, tua filuer fuitis with thair coueris, extending in wecht to xx pund wecht of filuer wark, price of the vncc wecht xl s. Summa vj^c xl li money. Item, in Campbell, auchtene pece of tapettrie, by the airfchipe, eftimat and extending to the foume of tua hundreth li. Item, in vtencilis and domiciles with armour within the places of Darneway, Campbell, Dennvne, and Inuerairray, with the abuilgementis and ornamentis of the faid vmquhile nobill lordis body, by the airfchipe, eftimat and extending be juft calculatioun to the fowme of viij^c lxvi li. xiii s. iiij d.

Summa of the Inuentar iij^m vj^c lxxvj li. xiiij s. iiij d.

Na dettis awand to the faid vmquhile noble and potent Lord.

Followis the dettis awand be the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lord.

Item, thair was awin be the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lord Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancellar and Justice Generall of Scotland, &c., to vmquhile Dame Jane Cwninghame, auld Lady of Argyle, for ane annuelrent furth of the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lordis landis of Baquhen and Boquhoppell, reften the Mertymes terme *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxiiij geiris and Witfounday terme *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxiiij geiris, the fowme of iij^c iij li. vj s. viij d. Item, mair to Mr. Neill Campbell, bifchope of Argyle, for the teynd of Dennvne *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxiiij geiris, the fowme of j^c li. Item, awin to the King his Majeftie for the few male of Argyle *in*

anno I^m V^c lxxxiiiij ȝeir is the fowme of j^c li. Item, awin to the King his Majestie, for the few maill of Teilling *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxiiiij ȝeir is, the fowme of thrieſcoir vi li. xiiij ſ. iiij d̄.

Summa of the dettis awin be the ſaid vnquhile nobill and potent Lord vj^c li.

Restis of frie geir the dettis deductit, iij^m lxxvj li. xiiij ſ. iiij d̄.

To be devidit in thrie pairtis. The deidis

pairt is, j^m xxij li. iiij ſ. v d̄.

Quhair of the Quot is componit for xl li.

Followis the ſaid vnquhile noble and potent Lordis Legacie and Latter vill.

AT DARNEWAY, the fyft day of September, the ȝeir of God I^m V^c fourſcoir four ȝeir is. The quhilk day ane noble and mychtie Lord Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancellor and Justice Generall of this realme, maid his Legacie and Latter Will as efter followis, That is to ſay,—I Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancellor and Justice Generall of this realme, being feik in body and haill in mynd, lewis my faull to the eternall Fader of hevin, and my banes to be bureit be my freindis in the Colledge kirk of Kilmun. Nixt I leif my sone Archibald, with his haill kin and freindis, to the proteſtioun and mentenance of my Maifter, the Kingis Maieſtie, quhome I maift humble craif to accept in his gracious mentinance, and that in reſpect of the trew ſervice my prediceffouris hes done, and that I was willing to do, gif God ſpairit my dayis, and ordanis my ſaid sone and his freindis, to remane trew and

constant forwardes vnto his hienes, as he and thai will deferue my bliffing. Item, I leif my spous, Dame Annas Keyth, tutrix testamentar vnto my fone Archibald, and that during his minoritie, and also I leif my said spous, my onlie executrix and intromeffatrix with my haill guidis and geir. Item, I leif my fone Colene in the gouernament of Dougall Campbell of Auchinbrek, and efter him to my said spous, induring the tyme of his minoritie, and scho be intromeffatrix with his haill leving, and to put the famyn to his vtilitie and profit as scho will anfuer vnto God. Item, I leif my dochter Annas in the gouernament of hir moder, and to be brocht vp be hir; and gif it pleis God to bring hir to the perfectioun of mariage, to be sett fordwart be my fone Archibald and his freindis, quhom I ordane to pay hir tocher. Item, it is my will that my fone Colling haif na pairtage of geir, infycht or outfycht, except fanekle as is vpoun his awin rowmes plenefit, that is now in my possession, nor git the said Annas to acclame ony pairtag of the said geir, bot that the haill vndervydit, except my wisis pairt, remane with my fone Archibald, and that in respect he man pay the tocher of my said dochter Annas, and help and mentene my said fone Collene, be adwyse of his freindis vnderwritin. Item, becaus the burding wilbe havie to my said spous to reull and governe the cuntrie of Argyll and Lorne &c induring the tyme of my fonis minoritie I will and ordane to be adjunit with hir in that behalfe, the introniffioun of geir allanerlie except, thir perfomes following conjunctlie, that is to say, Duncane Campbell of Glenvrquhy, Dougall Campbell of Auchinbrek, Johne Campbell of Calder, James Campbell of Arkinglafs comptrollar, Archibald Campbell of Lochingell, and Mr. Neill Campbell Bifchope of Argyll, quhais

counfall my said spous fall follow in all thingis concerning the weil of my sone and his cuntrie; and that na subfcriptioun be maid toward the reflaweing of tennentis, diftribution of geir, or vther mater of importance, but the subfcriptioun of thir thrie of the saidis perfounes, or ony tua of thame, to wit, James Campbell of Ardkinglafs, Johne Campbell of Calder, and Mr. Neill Campbell Bifchope of Argyll, as men maift eweift and acquent with the effairis of the cuntrie. Item, I leif and ordanes my fax freindis foirfäidis, with aduife of my said spous, to modifie ane lewing to Collene Campbell, zounger sone naturall to my broder vmquhile Archibald Erle of Argyll, and that the said Collene vfe and föllow thar counfall in all thingis; and fielyke, that his fifter Jane Campbell be fett fordwart to hir mariage, and hir tocher payit, according to my promeis, be my sone Archibald and his freindis. And alfe I leif Elfpeth Campbell, naturall dochter to my vmquhile broder, Archibald Erle of Argyll, to my sone, and to be fett fordwart in hir mariage be him and my freindis foirfäidis. Item, I leif my said spous to ask and craif all maner of dettis awand to me, and fielyke to pay all maner of dettis that mycht be iuftlie craifit of me; becaus I am nocht of memorie that is awand to me, nor quhat I am awand to vtheris. Item, I leif my haill fervandis to be payit of thair feallies and rewairdis honeftlie at the fycht of my wyff and freindis foirfäid, as thai will anfuere to God at the latter day. And this, my latter will and testament, I mak manifet. In witnes quhair of I haif fubferyvit the famyn with my awin hand, day, zeir and place foirfäid, and befor thir witneffes, Sir James Campbell of Ardkinglafs knyecht Comptrollar to our Souerane Lord, Thomas Tutour of Louett, Thomas Mafter of Boyd, Mr. Dougall Campbell Dene of Brien, George

Dumbar of Auflek, Alexander Stewart of Ballochmertene, and Johne Ogftoun feruitour to the faid noble lord, and Collene Leithe, with vtheris diuerfe. Sic fubferibitur Argyle, Ja. C. Arkinglaf, Thomas Frafer of Knoky witnes, M. D. Campbell witnefs, Thomas Boyd witnefs, Alex^r Stewart witnefs, George Dumbar, Collene M^cCleithe of Craiginterf, Johne Ogftoun witnefs.

At Darneway the viij day of September, the 3eir of God I^m V^c lxxxiiij 3eiris in prefens of the witneffis vnder writtin, thay ar to fay, Duncane Campbell of Glenvrquhy, James Campbell of Arkinglaf, Collene Leithe, James Keyth, Mr. Dougall Campbell Dene of Breehen, and Johnne Ogftoun, I, Colene Erle of Argyle Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancellor and Juftice Generall of this realme, being feik in body and haill in mynd, ratifeis and appreis my Latter will and teftament, quhilk is maid and fubferyvit be me at Darneway the fyft day of September, the 3eir of God I^m V^c lxxxiiij 3eiris, in all pointis and heidis contenit thairin, with this addiffioun to be eikit thairto: That albeit, I haif left and ordanit my fpous, Dame Annas Keyth, tutrix teftamentar vnto my fone Archibald induring his minoritie, and alſua intromeffatrix with my haill guidis and geir, and executrix thairof; 3it gif it falhappin, as God forbid, my faid fpous to inlaik induring the tyme of my fonnes faid minoritie, or that fcho happin to marie or be cuppled to ane husband, but the aduife and confent of Duncane Campbell of Glenvrquhy, Dougall Campbell of Auehimbrek, Johnne Campbell of Calder, James Campbell of Ardinglaf, Archibald Campbell of Loehingzell, and Mr. Neill Campbell Biſchope of Argyle, or of the maift pairt of thame; in that cae,

I will that ſcho haif na forder place to occupy the ſaidis offices of tutrix and executrix, bot that the ſaid Mr. Neill Campbell Biſchope of Argyll enter as tutour teſtamentar vnto my ſone and executour vnto me, quhome I admit and cheſis in hir place and rowme, and the ſaid Mr. Neill to mak compt and rakkining of all his intromiffioun to my freindis foirſaid, ſua that the ſamyn may be furtheumand to the vtilitie and proffeit of my ſonne; and gif it ſalhappin that my ſaid ſpous remane tutrix and intromeffatrix with my ſaid ſonnes lewing, that ſcho beſtow the proffeit and exereſſance thair of quibilk remanis over his awin chargis and the chargis of his effairis to his vtilitie and proffeit, either be reparatioun of his houffis or vtherwayis, be adwyſe of the freindis foirſaid, as ſcho will anſuer vnto God. Alſua, gif my ſaid ſpous inlaik be deceiſe allanerlie, I will that the tutorie and government of my ſecond ſonne Collene becum into the handis of Alexander Biſchope of Brechen, quhome I admit and cheſis tutour vnto him during the tyme of his minoritie, incaſe of my ſaid ſpous inlaik as ſaid is, and to intromet with his leving; and that he ſhall mak compt of his intromiffioun to my freindis foirſaid, quhilk ſalbe furtheumand to my ſaid ſonne Collene his vtilitie and proffeit, and beſtowit be adwyſe of my ſaidis freindis. Attour incaſe of inlaik of my wyf, as ſaid is, I leiſ the gouvernement of my dochter Annas vnto the ſaid Johne Campbell of Calder, and to his wyf, hir modir ſiſter, with the intromiffioun of hir haill leving that ſcho hes or may fall vnto hir, quhilk thai ſhall put to hir vtilitie and proffeit, as thai will anſuer to God, and thai to be comptabill for the ſame to the freindis foirſaid. And ſiclyke, I ordane that na ſubſcriptioun of reſſauyng of tennentis be maid, or diſtributioun of geir, or any vther mater of importance.

but the advyis of Duncane Campbell of Glenvrquhy, Johne Campbell of Calder, and James Campbell of Arkinglas. And now, laft of all, I leif my fone Archibald to be brocht vp be his mother and my freindis in the feir of God; and ordanis and willis him and thame that thai neuer fuarf nor fehrink bak frome the treu religioun of Jefus Cryft profellit and prechit within this realme, bot that thai, with thair bodeyis and guidis, mantene and fett forward the famin to the vttermeft of thair poweris in all places, fpecialie within the boundis of Argyle and Lorne; and that thai hald hand to the Kirk and Minifteris in pvniffing of vices, according to the ordour admittit and reffaut in the kirk within the faidis boundis, as thai will deferue the bliffing of the eternale God, and myne. And this, my lattere and laft will, I mak manifest. In witnes quhairof I and my faid fpons, with the witnetis foirfaidis, hes fubferiuit the famyn with our handis, day, geir and place foirfaid. Sic fubferibitur Argyle, Ja. C. Arkinglas, Duncane Campbell of Glenvrquhy witnes, James Keyth witnes, Johne Ogftoun witnes.

We, Mr. Johne Preftout, &c. be the tennour heirof, ratifies, appreuie, and confermis this preſent Teſtament or Inventar. inſafar as the famyn is deuly and lauchfullie maid, of the guidis and geir foirfaidis allanerlie; and geuis and committis the intromiſſioun with the famin to the faid Dame Annas Keyth, onlie executrix teſtamentar nominat be the faid vnquhill nobill Lord. referuand compt to be maid be her thairof, as accordis of the law. And ſcho being ſworne maid faith treulie to exerce the faid office, and hes fundin cautionn, that the guidis and geir foirfaidis falbe furthenmand to all pairteis haifand intres as law will, as ane aēt maid thairvpoun beiris.

9. Letter under the Privy Seal by King James VI. Ratifying the above Testament, &c.—2 October 1584.

ANE LETTER maid, Makand mention That oure fouerane Lord, remembering the thankfull and gude seruice of vmquhile Coline Erle of Ergile, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Chancellare and Justice Generall of this realme, continewit always to his departing from this lyfe in Godis feir and his hienes trow obedience, leving fingulare taikines of his luif, affectioun and treuth toward his Maieftie, and committing the cair, faulfgaird, and protectioun of his young sone, hous, and freindis vnder God vnto his hienes his Maieftie, accepting in gude part, and allowing of the latter will of his said vmquhile coufing, and special confidence reposit in his Majestie, Thairfore Ratificand, apprevand, and for his hienes and his suceffoures perpetuallie confirmand, the Testament and Latter Will maid be the said vmquhile Erle of Ergile, the constitutioun of the tutorie testamentare to his bairnis and posteritie, and order left and appointit for government of his hous affairis, cuntreis and offices during the minoritie and lefs aige of his sone and apperand air, and remanent bairnis; and willis and grantis and for his hienes and his suceffouris decernis and declairis that the said Latter Will and Testament, the said tutorie testamentare, and the foirsaid order and directioun contenit thairin, fall remane firme and immutabill, according to the will and mynde of the defunct, taikand his rycht traift coufing Archibald now Erle of Ergile, the sone, air, and suceffoure of his said vmquhile rycht traift coufing. Dame Annas Keith his relict, thair bairnis, counfallouris, and freindis, appointit for the government of his hous, thair affairis, actiouis,

cauffis, landis, heretageis, honouris, offices, levingis, poffeffionis, guidis, and geir, vnder his hienes firme peax fupplie, maintenance, protection, defence, and faulfgaird, to be vnhurt, vnharmit, vnmoleffit, troublit, or in ony wyfe perfewit vtherwyfe then be the ordinare lawis and courfe of Juftice of the realme; and gevis and committis vnto thame full power and authoritie to execute and fet furdwart his hienes authoritie in all thingis tending to the gude and quiet government of the cuntreis, boundis, and pepill being vnder the jurifdictioun and rewle of the faid Erle of Ergile, according to the lawis and lovable cuftomes of this realme, and the liberteis, priuilegeis, and commiffionis grantit to his foirbearis, and conforme to the generall bandis and orders agreed vnto, and fubferiuit be the baronis and landit men of Ergile, and vtheris the faid Erlis boundis of auld, for the keeping of publict quietnes and ftancheing of the intolence of lynmaris and malefactouris in tyme bygane: quhilkis his hienes willis and declaris to ftand in full effe&ct and force during the minoritie and lefs aige of the faid Archibald, now Erle of Ergile, &c. With command thairin to officiaris of armes to mak publicatioun of the fame be oppin proclamatioun at thair mercat croces of the heid burrowis of this realme, and vtheris places neidfull; and to command and charge all and findrie his hienes liegis, that nane of thame prefume or tak vpoun hand to do or attempt ony thing tending to the violatioun or prejudice of this his hienes declairit will, protection, and faulfgaird, as thai will anfuer to his Maieftie at thair bettir maift charge and perrell, and vnder all hieaft pane, charge and offence &c. At Haliueruidhous, the fecund day of O&ctober, I^m V^e lxxxiiij geiris.

Per Signaturam.

10. THE TESTAMENT TESTAMENTAR and Inventar of the Guidis, Geir, Sowmes of Money, and dettis pertening to umquhill Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, reliēt of umquhile Archibald Erle of Argyle &c. &c.—7 Jan. 1587.

The Testament Testamentar and Inuentar of the guidis, geir, fowmes of money, and dettis pertening to vmquhile ane nobill and potent Ladie Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, reliēt of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord Archibald Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. the tyme of hir deceis, quha deceiffit in the Cannogait befyd Edinburgh vpoun the sevint day of Januar the ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, faythfullie maid and gevin vp be Katrene Hamiltoun hir feruitrix, spous to Capitane James Bruce in the Cannogait, quhome the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie nominat, maid, and constitut hir onlie executrix testamentar and onlie intromessatrix with hir haill guidis, geir, fowmes of money, and dettis &c. in hir latterwillis vnderwrittin, of the daitis at Edinburgh and the Cannogait the faxt day of May, the tuentie-fax day of Deecember, and fyft day of Januar respectiue the ȝeir of God foirfaid, as the samyn at lenth proportis.

In the first, the faid vmquhile Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, reliēt of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord Archibald Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. had the guidis, geir, fowmes of money, and dettis of the awaill and prices efter following pertening to hir as hir awin proper guidis and geir the tyme of hir deceis foirfaid viz. Item of cunȝeit gold in poife ij^c and xxx crounes of the

foune, price of the pece ourheid 1 ſ. Summa v^c lxxv lib. Item mair xvj angell nobillis, price of the pece ourheid iiij lib. Summa lxxiiij lib. Item mair xvj doubill doucattis, price of the pece ourheid vj lib. Summa lxxxxvj lib. Item ane Portingall doucat, price thairof xxx lib. Item tua rofe nobillis, price of the pece ourheid vij lib. Summa xiiij lib. Item ane pece of gold callit ane fouerane, price thairof xiiij lib. Item of reddy filuer the fowme of ij^e vij lib. money. Item in filuer wark thriefcoir ten vnce wecht, price of the vnce ourheid xl ſ. Summa j^e xl lib. Item in gold fmyth wark ane cheingie of gold and fyve feoir fax buttounes of gold brokin wark weyand all xvj vnce wecht of gold, price of the vnce ourheid xx lib. Summa ij^e xx lib. Item in vtencilis and domicilis with the abuilgementis of hir bodie eftimat and extending to the fowme of ane hundreth merkis money. Item ane taiblet of gold and ane gold ring weyand ane vnce and ane half vnce wecht, price of the vnce xx lib. Summa xxx lib.

Summa of the Inuentar with the dettis I^m v^c lvj lib. xiiij ſ. iiij d.

Followis the dettis awin to the faid vniquhile nobill and potent **Lady**

ITEM thair was awin to the faid vniquhile nobill and potent lady Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, reli& of vniquhile ane nobill and potent lord Archibald Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. be George Home Laird of Broxmouthe for his ferme and dewtie of the faid vniquhile nobill Ladyis conjun& fie landis of Me-kill and Littill Pincartounes of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris xx chalderis wi&tuall quhairof ten chalderis quheit at v

lib. the boll, and ten chalderis beir at iiij lib. the boll. Summa I^m iiij^e xl lib. Item awin be James Lord Ogilwie for the fermes of the landis of Farnell of the crope and geir of God I^m V^e lxxxvij geiris xvi chalderis of victuall, half beir, half meill, price of the boll ourheid iiij lib. Summa I^m xxiiij lib. money. Item mair awin be the faid George Home of Broxmouthe for the dewtie of the faidis landis of Pinkartoun *in anno* foirfaid xxv bollis aittis, price of the boll iij lib. Summa lxxv lib.

Summa of the dettis awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lady extendis to . . . ij^m v^e xxxix lib.

Summa of the Inuentar with the dettis iiij^m lxxxv lib. xiiij^s. 4 d.

Followis the dettis awin be the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lady.

ITEM thair was awin be the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lady Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle. reliēt of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord Archibald Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. to William Cockie goldfmyth burges of the Cannogait for ane geiris maill of the Ludgeing in the Cannogait occupyit be the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie *in anno* I^m V^e lxxxvij geiris the fowme of liij lib. vj ^s. viij d. Item awin to Mathew Hammiltoun gentilman feruitour to the faid nobill Ladie for his geiris sic the fowme of xxvi lib. xiiij ^s. iiij d. Item awin to Marioun Bruce feruitrice to the faid vmquhile nobill Ladie for hir geiris sic the fowme of xxvj lib. xiiij ^s. iiij d.

Summa of the dettis awin be the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie extendis to j^e vj lib. xiiij ^s. iiij d.

Reftis of frie geir, the dettis deducit, ij^m ix^c lxxxix lib.

Na diuifoun.

Quhair of the quot is componit for j^c merkis.

Followis the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladyis Legacie
and Latter Will.

BE IT KEND till all men be thir prefent lettres We Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle being now at the plefour of almychtie God feiklie and difeifit in our perfone, bot hail in fpreit, thankis to God thairfoir, and feing thair is nathing mair certane than deith nor mair uncertane nor the tyme, willing thairfoir in the meyne tyme to prowyd our warldlie effairis in caife of our deceife at the gud plefour of God; Thairfoir to haif nominat maid and conftitut, and be the tennour heirof nominatis, makis, and conftitutis our weilbelouit feruitrice, and maift fpeciall friend Katrene Hammiltoun, fpous to Capitane James Brucee, our irrenocabill executrice, and onlie iutromeffatrix with all and fundrie our guidis, geir, dettis, infycht plenneffing, and vtheris quhatfumewer pertening to us be onie maner of way, leifand and difponand the famyn to hir *per liberam Difpofitionem inter vivos*, and that in recompence of hir trew and faythfull feruice done to ws thir monie geiris bygane, and for fatiffa&tioun of all maner of fowmes, dettis, fies, and vtheris that we ar auehtand to hir for ony occafion bygane, with power to hir to intromet with, vptak, afk, craif, and reffau the famyn, vfe and difpone thairvpoun as hir awin proper guidis and geir at hir plefour. And this to all and findrie quhome it effeiris we make it knawin be thir prefentis, fubferyvit with our handis at Edinburgh the faxt day of May the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvii geiris, befoir thir witnesfes Mr. Henry

M^cCalgean of Cliftounhall aduocat, Mathew Hammiltoune, and Mr. George Makiefone noter publiēt heirto requyrit, *Sic subscribitur* Countes of Argyle, Mr. Henry M^cCalgeane witnes, with my hand. Mathew Hammiltoun of Achinlochane witnes. *Eodem die superscript., mensēque et anno predict., et coram testibus prenotatis, dict. Katherina Hammiltoun super singulis premissis a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri peccit instrumentum in vberiori forma extenden., horam circiter quartam post meridiem. Ita est Georgius M^cKiefone notarius publicus in premissis rogatus manu sua.*

Wpoun the xxvj day of December, the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, I noter publiēt vnderwrittin, at command of ane honorabil Lady, Dame Jane Stewart, Countes of Argyle, in prefens of the witneffis vnder specifeit, oppinlie red hir testament, dewyfe, and Latterwill, nominating and constituand hir weilbelouit feruitrice Katrene Hammiltoun spous to Captane James Bruce, hir onlie executrix and intromeatrix, with all hir guidis and geir, as the said testament, subferyvit with the said Dame Janes awin hand, of the dait at Edinburgh the faxt day of May, the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, at mair lenth proportis; And the said Dame Jane approffit the said testament to be gude, and to haif irreuocabill strent and effeēt: Thairfor the said Dame Jane Stewart requyrit and commandit the said Katrene Hammiltoun to gif and delyuer to Dame Marie Stewart maistres of Gray tua gounes, viz. ane of clayth of gold, and the vther of blak weluot, pasmentit with pasmentis of gold, and ane pair of muist beidis of gold. For the whilkis the said Dame Jane willit and commandit the said Dame Marie Stewart to be alfe gude, and to satiffie the said Katrene Hammiltoun. Wharvpoun the said Katrene Hammiltoun

askit instrumentis ane or ma fra me, noter publiēt vnderwrittin. And this was done in the said Dame Jane Stewart hir awin Ludgeing in the Cannogait, day and geir foirsaid, at nyne houris efternone or thairby of the said day, befor thir witnesse, Mr. John Layng keipar of our Sonerane Lordis signet, and Eduard Kincaid his feruand, William Cocky goldmyth burges of Edinburgh, James Maitland vnclē to Johne Maitland of Auchincaffill, Mathew Hammiltoun of Auchinlochane, and John Broun feruand to the said Dame Marie, callit and requyrit heirto. *Sic subscribitur. Ita est et premittitur Magister Jacobus Maitland notarius publicus, teste signo meo et subscriptione manuuli.*

Wpoun the fyft day of Januar, the geir of God I^m V^e lxxxvij geiris. In prefens of me noter publiēt, and witnesse vnder writtin, Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, being as appeirit to me feik in bodie and hail in spreit, and perfyt in remembrance, appreit, affermit, and baid at the frie gift and liberall dispositioun of all hir guidis, geir, and Latterwill, whairof the tennour followis: BE it Kend till all men be thir present lettres, We Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, being now at the plesour of Almychtie God feiklie and diseifit in our persoune bot hail in spreit, thankis be to God thairfoir: And feing thair is nathing mair certane than deith, nor mair incertan than the tyme: Willing thairfoir, in the meane tyme, to prouyde our wardlie effaires in caise of our deceife at the gude plesour of God, thairfoir to haif maid, nominat, and constitut, and be the tennour heirof nominatis, makis, and constitutis our weilbelouit feruitrice, and maist spcial friend Katrene Hammiltoun, spous to Capitane James Bruce, irreuocabill executrix, and onlie intromessatrix with all and findrie

our guidis, geir, dettis, infycht pleneſing, and vtheris quhatſumewer pertening to ws be onie maner of way, leiſand and diſponand the ſamyn to hir *per liberam diſpoſitionem inter viros*; and that in recompence of hir trew and thankfull ſervice done to ws thir mony geiris bygane, and for ſatiſſactioun of all maner of ſowmes, dettis, ſies, and vtheris that we ar auchtand to hir for onie occaſioun bygane: with power to hir to intromet with, vptak, alk, craif, and reſſaue the ſamyn, uſe and diſpone thairvpoun as hir awin proper guidis and geir at hir pleaſour. And this to all and findrie quhome it effeiris we mak knawin be thir preſentis, ſubſeryvit with our hand at Edinburgh the ſaxt day of May, the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris befor thir witneſſis, Mr. Henry M^cCalgean of Cliftounhall aduocat, Mathew Hammiltoun, and Mr. George Makieſoune noter publi^ct, heirto requyrit.

Sic ſubſcribitur Comes of Argyle, Mr. Henry M^cCalzane witnes with my hand, Mathew Hammiltoun of Auchinlochane witneſs. Eodem die ſupradict^o, menſeque et anno predict^o., et coram teſtibus prenomiſatis, dicta Katherina Hammiltoun ſuper ſingulis premiſſis a me notario publico, ſubſcripto ſibi fieri peccit instrumentum in vberiori forma extenden., horum circiter quartam poſt meridiem. Ita eſt Georgius Makieſone notarius publicus in premiſſis rogatus manu ſua. Maid to Katrene Hammiltoun hir weilbelouit ſeruitrice, and ſpous to Capitane James Bruce, to be gude, valid and effectuell, and wald on nawayis alter the ſamyn nor na pairt theirow vtherwayis nor ſcho had done vpone the ſext and tuentie day of December in this infant geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, befor me noter publi^ct, conforme till hir vther Latter Will than maid, quhilk ſcho alſua ratifeit, and reuokit all vtheris: and theirfoir willit the ſaid Katrene to do as the ſaid Dame

Jane had commandit. Quhairvpoun the said Katrene askit instrumentis ane or ma fra me noter publi& vnder writtin. And this was done in the said Dame Janes ludgeing in William Cockyis foirland in the Cannogait, day and geir foirfaid at xj houris befor nvne of the said day or thairby, Befoir thir witneffis George Home of Broxmouthe, Thomas Flemyng burges of Edinburgh, William Nisbet of Newtoun-Leis and William Clarkfone in Pincartoun, callit and requyrit heirto. *Sic subscribitur. Ita est ut premittitur magister Jacobus Maitland notarius publicus, teste signo meo et subscriptione manuali.*

We Mr. John Prestoun, &c. be the tennour heirof Ratifeis appreis and confermis this present Testament and Inuentar, in sasar as the samyn is denlie and lafulie maid, of the guidis and geir aboue speci-feit allanerlie, and geis and committis the introniffioun with the samyn to the said Katrene Hammiltoun onlie executrix testamantar to the said unquhile Dame Jane Stewart Countes of Argyle, referuand compt to be maid be hir therof as accordis of the law; and seho being fworne, hes maid fayth treulie to exeree the said office, and hes fundin caution that the gudis and geir foirfaidis salbe furthcumand to all parteis haifand interes as law will, as ane act maid therupoun beiris.

11. THE TESTAMENT DATIVE, and Inventar of the Guidis, Geir &c. pertening to vmqvhile Dame Annas Keyth, Countas of Argyle and Murray, reli&t of vmqvhile Colene Erle of Argyle &c.—16 Jul. 1588.

The Testament datine, and Inuentar of the guidis, geir, fowmes of money, and dettis pertening to vmqvhile ane rycht honourabill and potent Ladie Dame Annas Keyth, Countes of Argyle and Murray, reli&t of vmqvhile ane nobill and potent Lord Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. the tyme of hir deceis, quha deceiffit in the toun of Edinburgh vpoun the xvj day of July the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxviiij geiris, ffaythfullie maid and gevin vp be ane nobill and potent Lord Archibald Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, hir lauchfull fone, Colene Campbell of Lundie hir fecond fone, and Maiftres Anna Campbell hir lauchfull doechter, executouris datiuus decernit to thair faid vmqvhile moder be decretit of the Commiffaris of Edinburgh, and onlie acceptaris of the faid office in and vpoun tham, with adwyfe of James Keyth their factour and chalmerlane, haifing commiffioun and power for his enterefs, as the famyn decretit of the dait at Edinburgh the tent day of November the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxix geiris at lenth proportis; becaus Dame Elizabeth Stewart Countes of Murray, lauchfull doechter to the faid vmqvhile nobill Ladie, the vther executrix datiuus decernit to hir, is be decretit of the Commiffaris of Edinburgh fecludit fra the faid office of executrie vpoun the xxvj day of Junij the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxxi geiris, as the famyn at lenth beiris.

In the first, the faid vmqvhile nobill and potent Lady Dame Annas

Keyth, Countes of Argyle and Murray, reliēt of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. had the guidis geir, fowmes of money, and dettis of the awaill and prices efter following pertening to hir as hir awin proper guidis and geir the tyme of hir deceis foirfaid viz. Item in vtencilis and domicilis with filuer wark and abuilgementis of the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladyis bodie eftimat and extending be juft calculatioun to the fowme of thrie hundreth threttie thrie pundis vj ſ. viij d.

Summa of the Inuentar, iij^c xxxiij lib. vj ſ. viij d.

FOLLOWIS the Dettis awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lady.

Item, ther was awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie Dame Annas Keyth. Countes of Argyle and Murray, reliēt of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord Colene Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, &c. be George Dunbar of Afklick chamerlane of the erledome of Murray for the half filuer maillis of the fifchings of Spey, reften of the croppis and geiris of God I^m V^c lxxxvj and lxxxvij geiris, reften the fowme of ij^m iij^c xiiij lib. iij ſ. x d. Item, awin be William M^cKendowie perfone of Affent, chalmerlane to the faid nobill Ladie, of the landis of Pettie, Braichlie, Stratherne, and Stranarne, the fowme of iij^c lx lib. money. Item, awin to the faid vmquhile nobill Ladie be Alexander Stewart of Ballachmertyne hir fernand and takkifman for his tak of the toun and landis of Quhytemyre, of the croppis and geiris of God I^m V^c lxxxvj and lxxxvij geiris, and for his half ferme of the lxxxvij geiris crope, and

for his tak of the fifcheing of the Slewye Puill, and tak of Cocketfeall of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, and for the half filuer maillis of Coquetfeall and Slewye Puill of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, according to the compt laid and examinat the fowme of vj^c lxxxij lib. money. Item, mair awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the faid Alexander Stewart of Ballachmertyne, be vertew of ane obligatioun maid be him of the dait at Darneway the pennlt day of November, the geir of God I^m V^c lxxxvj geiris, the fowme of j^c lxxvj lib. xj š. iiij đ. Item, awin to the faid nobill Ladie be Hanife Wode hir officer and intromittour with hir leving of the landis and barronie of Fintres, the fowme of iij^c lxxxij lib. xj š. v đ. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill Ladie be Alexander Menteyth hir chalmerlane of Campbell, the fowme of j^c lxxxj lib. xij š. vj đ. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill Ladie be hir feruitour Chairlis Campbell of Kìlbryde, hir chalmerlane of Calflayth and Skypanatfehe, the fowme of vj^c lxxvj lib. iij š. iiij đ. Item, awin be Arthour Stratoun of Myretoun, chalmerlane of Hefgrig, conforme to his compt, the fowme of lxxvj lib. iij š. x đ. money. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill Ladie be George Baird of Auchinmadin, conforme to his compt subferyvit with his awin hand, the fowme of lij lib. vij š. viij đ. Item, awin be the laird of Pitmadin for the maillis and dewteis of his tak of the toum and landis of Allathan, resten the Witfounday and Mertymes termes in annis I^m V^c lxx, lxxj, lxxij, lxxij, lxxiiij, lxxv, lxxvj, lxxvij, lxxvij, lxxix, lxxx, lxxxj, lxxxij, lxxxij, lxxxiiij, lxxxv, lxxxvj, lxxxvij, and Witfounday terme *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxvij geiris, extending geirlie to xx lib., Summa iij^c lxx lib. money. Item, mair awin to the faid

vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie, be ane nobill and potent Lord Johne Erle of Mars Lord Erkine, &c. conforme to his obligatioun, the fowme of vj^c lxxvj lib. xiiij ſ. iiij d̄. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill Ladie be Adame Bifchope of Orknay, commendatour of Halyrudhous, and Dame Margaret Murray hir ſpous, and Andro Stevinſone merchand burges of Edinburgh, thair cautioner, the fowme of vj^c lxxvj lib. xiiij ſ. iiij d̄. Item, awin to the faid nobill Ladie be the tennentis, takifmen, and parochinaris of the parochin of Ilifgrig, for thair teindis of the faid parochin, pertening to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie as takifwoman thairof, reften the crope and ȝeiris of God I^m V^c lxxviiij ȝeiris, xxj bollis, tua firloftis quheit, price of the boll iij lib. : xliij bollis, tua firloftis beir, price of the boll xliij ſ. and lxxj bollis, ane firloft teind meill, price of the boll xxxiiij ſ. iiij d̄ ; Summa ij^c lxxij lib. x ſ. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill and potent Ladie be the faidis tennentis, takifmen, and parochiuaris of Ilifgrig, for thair teindis of the faid parochin pertening to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie as takifwoman thairof, reften the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxix ȝeiris, xxv bollis, ane furlett quheit, price of the boll iij lib. ; lviiij bollis beir, price of the boll xl ſ. ; and fyve feoir ten bollis, tua firloftis meill, price of the boll xxxiiij ſ. iiij d̄ : Summa iij^c lxxvj lib. v ſ. money. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill and potent Ladie be the faidis tennentis, takifmen, and parochineris of Ilifgrig, for thair teindis of the faid parochin pertening to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie as takifwoman thairof, reften the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxx ȝeiris, xxviiij bollis, thrie firloftis teind quheit, price of the boll iiij lib. : fyve feoir four bollis ane furlett teind beir, price of the boll liij ſ. iiij d̄ ; and fyve feoir ten bollis, thrie firloftis

teind meill, price of the boll xl š; Summa vj^c xiiij lib. x š. Item, awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the faidis tennentis, takifmen, and parochineris of Ilifgrig, for thair teindis of the faid parochin pertening to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie as takifwoman thairof, reften the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxj geiris, xxv bollis, tua firloftis teind quheit, price of the boll liij š. iiij đ; lxix bollis teind beir, price of the boll xl š; and lxij bollis teind meill, price of the boll xxx š; Summa ij^c lxxxxix lib. Item, awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the faidis tennentis, takifmen and parochineris of Ilifgrig, for thair teindis of the faid parochin pertening to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie as takifwoman thairof, reften the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxij geiris, xxvij bollis ane furlett quheit, price of the boll l š; lxxiiij bollis, ane furlett teind beir, price of the boll xxxij š. iiij đ; and fax feoir xv bollis, tua firloftis teind meill, price of the boll xxvj š. viii đ; Summa iij^c lxxv lib. x đ. Item, awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the faidis tennentis, takifmen, and parochineris of Ilifgrig for thair teindis of the faid parochin pertening to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie as takifwoman thairof, reften the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxiiij geiris xxvj bollis 3 firloftis quheit, price of the boll iij lib.; lxxv bollis tua firloftis teind beir, price of the boll xxx š; and lxxxxix bollis tua firloftis teind meill, price of the boll ourheid xxx š; Summa iij^c xliij lib. xv š. Item, awin be Charlis Campbell of Kilbryd, chalmerlane to the faid nobill Ladie, of the landis of Skippinitche and Killaflyd in Argyle for the half fermes of the faidis landis of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxviiij geiris, lvj bollis, tua firloftis beir, price of the boll xl š; and lxxv bollis ane

furlett meill, price of the boll ourheid xl š; Summa ij^c xliij lib. x š. Item, mair awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of the Erledome of Murray, for thair half ferme of the faidis landis of the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, tuelf chalderis tuelf bollis quheit, price of the boll liij š. iiij đ; Summa v^c xliij lib. Item, mair awin to the faid nobill Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of the Erledome of Murray, for thair half ferme beir of the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, ten chalderis four bollis tua firlottis beir, price of the boll xl š; Summa ij^c xxvij lib. Item, resten awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of the bishoprick of Murray, for the half fermes of the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, fevin chalderis, xij bollis beir, price of the boll ourheid xl š; Summa ij^c xlvij lib. money. Item, awin to the faid nobill and potent Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of the bishoprik of Murray, for thair half fermes aittis of the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, xxij bollis tua firlottis aittis, price of the boll xxvj š. viij đ; Summa xxx lib. money. Item, mair awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of the Erledome of Murray, for thair half fermes aittis of the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, thrie chalderis fyve bollis thrie firlettis aittis, price of the boll xxvj š. viij đ; Summa lxxj lib. xij š. iiij đ. Item, mair awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of Campbell, Muckkart, and Kinnedder, for thair half ferme beir of the crope and ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, lxxxij bollis, tua peckis beir, price of the boll

xl š; Summa j^c lxxxiiij lib. v š. Item, mair awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of Campbell, Muckkart, and Kinnedder, for thair half ferme meill of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxviiij geiris, lxviiij bollis ferme meill, price of the boll ourheid xl š. Summa j^c xxxvj lib. money. Item, awin be the tennentis and occupiaris of the landis of the manis of Campbell and Kynnedder, for thair half fermes of the crope and geir of God I^m V^c lxxxviiij geiris, aucht feoir thrie bollis ferme aittis, price of the boll xxvj š. viij d; Summa ij^c xvij lib. vj š. viij d.

Summa of the dettis awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie x^m ix^c lxxxj lib.

Summa of the Inuentar with the dettis xj^m ij^c xiiij lib. vj š. viij d.

FOLLOWIS the Dettis awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Lady.

ITEM thair wes awin to the faid vmquhile nobill and potent Ladie, Dame Annas Keyth, Countes of Argyle and Murray, reliēt of vmquhile ane nobill and potent Lord, Coleue Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne &c. to Jonet Cornuell, reliēt of vmquhile Gilbert M^cQuhirrie merchand burges of Edinburgh, for the rest of half ane geiris maill of hir ludgeing in Edinburgh, the fowme of j^c xvj lib. xviiij š. money. Item awin to Thomas Dikfoun apothecar burges of Edinburgh, for droggis and medicamentis bestowit vpoun the faid nobill and potent Ladie, and for his panes and trauellis takin on hir the tyme of hir feiknes immediatlie preceding hir deceife, the fowme

of je lib. ix š. Item, awin to Gilbert Primroife, chyrurgiane burges of Edinburgh, for his panes and trauellis taken on the faid nobill and potent Ladie, and droggis and medicamentis beftowit on hir the tyme of hir feiknes, immediatlie preceeding hir deceis the fowme of xxvj lib. xiiij š. iiij d. Item, awin to Mr. Johnne Craig, doctour in medicine, for his panes and trauellis takin on the faid nobill and potent Ladie the tyme of hir feiknes immediatlie preceeding hir deceis, the fowme of xl lib. money. Item, awin to James Keyth, feruitour to the faid nobill and potent Ladie for ane geiris fie, the fowme of j^e lib. money. Item, awin to Adam Archibald, hir feruitour, for ane geiris fie, the fowme of xxxiiij lib. vj š. viij d. Item, awin to George Kinrofs, feruand for ane geiris fie, the fowme of xxvj lib. xiiij š. iiij d. Item, awin to Mariorie Gray, gentilwoman feruitrix to the faid nobill Ladie, for ane geiris fie, the fowme of xxvj lib. xiiij š. iiij d. Item, awin to Katherine Duthie Laidinfter feruand, for ane geiris fie, the fowme of xvj merkis. Item, awin to Annas Dumbar for hir geiris fie, the fowme of xxvj lib. xiiij š. iiij d. Item, awin to Adame Gairdner, broufter and baxter, for his geiris fie, the fowme of xx lib. money. Item, awin to Johnne M^eKilandreis, cuik, for his geiris fie, the fowme of xx lib. money. Item, awin to John M^eRayth, porter, for his geiris fie, the fowme of xiiij lib. Item, awin to Dugall Campbell, feruitour, for his fie ane geir, the fowme of xxvj lib. xiiij š. iiij d. Item, awin to John Ruffell, pantrie man, for his geiris fie, the fowme of xiiij lib. vj š. viij d. Item, awin to Alexander Meingeis, foirman in the kitching, for his geiris fie, the fowme of x lib. money. Item, awin to Robert the wefehell man, for his geiris fie, the fowme of x lib. money. Item, awin to William Oyt, allacay to the faid

nobill Ladie, for his ȝeiris fie, the fowme of xij lib. vj ſ. viij d. Item, awin to Harie Hay, fehirtoun boy, for his ȝeiris fie, the fowme of xij lib. vj ſ. viij d. Item, awin to Duncane Gauld, feruand, for his ȝeiris fie, the fowme of x lib. money. Item, awin to James Cunnyng-hame, feruand, for his ȝeiris fie, the fowme of xl lib. money. Item awin to Alexander Monteyth, chalmerlane of Campbell, for ane ȝeiris fie, the fowme of xl lib. money. Item awin to John Bonar, feruand, for his ȝeiris fie, the fowme of xl lib. money. Item awin to George Dunbar, chalmerlane of Murray, for ane ȝeiris fie, the fowme of lxxvj lib. xij ſ. iij d. Item awin to Johne Steill, perfone of Dolour, for his tak of the teindſchais of Dolour, reſten tua termes, the fowme of lxxx lib. money. Item awin to the abbot of Dunfermeling, for the few maillis of oner and nether manis of Dolour, reſten tua termes preceeding the ſaid vmquhile nobill Ladies deceis, the fowme of lxxxvij lib. x ſ. Item awin to the Biſchope of Dunkeld, for the few maillis of the landis of Campbell, reſten the termes of Witfounday and Mertymes, in the ȝeir of God I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, the fowme of xx lib. money. Item awin to the Biſchope of Sanct Androis, for the few maillis of the landis of Muckart, reſten the Witfounday and Mertymes *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris, the fowme of jc i lib. x ſ. viij d. Item awin to the Biſchope of Murray, for the few maillis of the biſchroprik of Murray, reſten the Witfounday and Mertymes termes, *in anno* I^m V^c lxxxvij ȝeiris the fowme of vij^c xlviij lib. money. Item awin to William McIndowey, perfone of Affent, chalmerlane to the ſaid nobill Ladie, of hir landis of Pettey, Strathnarne, and Strathairne, for ane ȝeiris fie, the fowme of xl lib. money.

Summa of the dettis awin be the faid unquhile nobill and
 potent Ladie. j^m ix^e lxvij lib. vj š. viij đ.
 Restis of frie geir, the dettis de-
 ducit ix^m iijc xlvj lib.
 Na divifioun.
 Quhairof the quot is componit for j^e lib.

We, Maisteris John Prestoun &c. vnderstanding that efter dew fum-
 moning and lawfull warning maid be forme of edict oppinlie, as effeiris,
 of the executouris and intromettouris with the gudis and geir of the
 faid unquhile Dame Annas Keyth and of utheris haifand enteres to
 compeir judicialie befor ws &c., We decernit therintill, as our de-
 creit gevin therupoun beiris. Conforme to the quhilk, We in our fove-
 rane Lordis name and auctoritie makis, constitutis, ordanis, and con-
 firmis the faidis Archibald Erle of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne
 &c., and Coline Campbell of Lundie, and Maistres Anna Campbell in
 executouris datives to the faid unquhile Dame Annas Keyth, Countes
 of Argyle and Murray, thair moder, as onlie acceptaris of the faid
 office upoun thame, in respect that the faid Dame Elizabeth Mur-
 ray, the feird of the faidis executouris, is be our decreit fecludit fra all
 using of the faid office &c. &c.







